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Goren explains mamzerut ruling

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren yesterday disclosed the reasons for the decision to lift the stigma of illegitimacy from the Langer brother and sister. At the same time, he railed against "unbridled terror" by extremist religious elements.

Rabbi Goren was addressing the press at his home here four days after the double wedding in Tel Aviv of the Langers.

The case had involved the question of whether the Langer children's mother had or had not previously been married in Jewish law to Mr. Avraham Borkovskiy in Poland. A Petah Tikva Rabbinical Court had ruled the children illegitimate. In explaining the decision lifting the stigma of mamzerut from the Langers, Rabbi Goren said yesterday that there was no conclusive proof Mr. Borkovskiy had converted to Judaism, which would mean that his marriage to Mrs. Langer (then Miss Hava Ginzburg) did not hold.

Second, even if it were true Mr. Borkovskiy had gone through a conversion ceremony, this was done for personal gain — i.e., in order to marry Mrs. Langer. For, said Rabbi Goren, Mr. Borkovskiy had returned to Christianity immediately after the supposed conversion and had baptized his son. Quoting Maimonides and other commentators, Rabbi Goren said that this invalidated the conversion, as a convert who returns to his original religion is considered as if he were never a Jew.

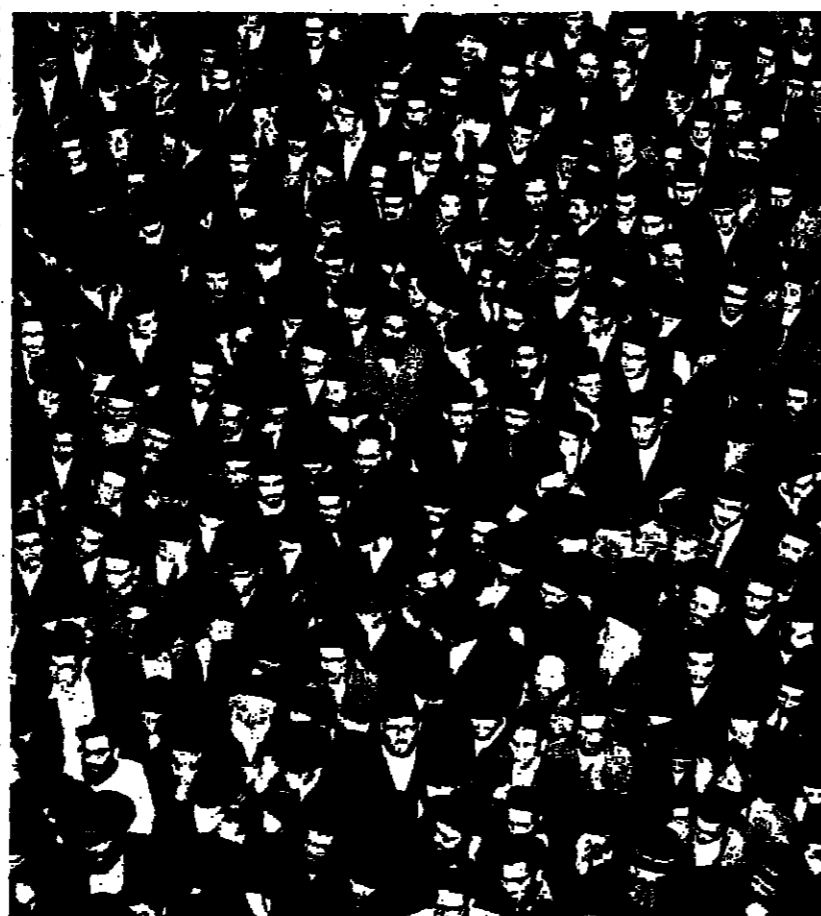
PRAYED IN CHURCH
Third, Mrs. Langer had converted to Christianity and prayed in church before going through her marriage ceremony with Mr. Borkovskiy. This made any Jewish ceremony invalid, and Judaism does not recognize a civil ceremony alone as binding.

Finally, Mr. Borkovskiy had never taken his conversion to Judaism seriously, and had shown himself unable to say the Shema — the basic Jewish prayer, — and did not know how to say tehillim. He had only agreed to return Mrs. Langer to her father after a long, violent, and financially costly struggle.

Rabbi Goren emphasized that the late Rabbi Ya'akov Levitzki of Givat Rambam had apparently known the facts in the case when in 1944 he married Miss Ginzburg to Mr. Langer, the father of the children in the case. Rabbi Levitzki had then listed her as single, he noted.

Rabbi Goren revealed that his investigation had turned up a 1947 report from a Tel Aviv social worker who had been sent to find why Mr. Borkovskiy's son was absent from school. The social worker had found that the boy was being kept home every day for day-long Christian prayers and observances.

Rabbi Goren said that an earlier (Continued page 2, Col. 4)



Nearly 5,000 people gathered in Mea Shearim last night to protest against Chief Rabbi Goren's decision on the Langers and to rent their garments as a gesture of mourning. (David Passer)

Yadlin: Won't permit terror against rabbis

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — In what was seen as an implied warning, Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin declared yesterday: "We release yeshiva students from the draft to study Torah, not to wreak violence against the Chief Rabbis."

Opening yesterday's party secretariat meeting, Mr. Yadlin compared the Nehurei Karta decision to hold a public session of mourning over Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren's mamzerut coup to the smaller assembly they held when the State was born.

"It is inconceivable that a rabbi in Israel requires police protection,"

Mr. Yadlin said "We will not ignore these threats... We will not permit terror to rage."

The National Religious Party also registered its shock at the campaign of violence against the Chief Rabbi. Speaking on behalf of 100,000 NRP members, Party Secretary Eliezer Gollman warned that fanatical fringe groups were not only desecrating the name of religion, but undermining the foundations of religion in the state.

JORDAN DEPORTS JEAN GENET

BEIRUT (UPI). — The Jordanian Government yesterday deported French playwright Jean Genet, Palestinian terrorist source said.

Genet arrived in Amman five days ago after visiting Lebanon and Syria. He came to the Middle East to write a book about the Arab struggle against Israel.

Syrian military group due in Cairo today

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
A high-ranking Syrian military delegation is due to arrive in Cairo today for talks with the Egyptian army command. Cairo's mass circulation newspaper, "Al-Akhar," reported yesterday.

The newspaper said that the Syrian delegation was coming for a short visit. It did not disclose the purpose of the Syrian visit, which follows last Tuesday's flare-up along Syria's southern front with Israel.

The Syrian delegation will probably hold discussions in the framework of the Cairo-Damascus military coordination laid during the visit of Egyptian War Minister General Ahmed Ismail to Syria a fortnight ago. Ismail's talks in Damascus at the time were followed by reports indicating that Egypt was placing part of the combat warplanes in Syria under the command of the Syrian General Staff.

The Damascus government-controlled news media radio yesterday continued its criticism of other Arab countries for maintaining the border cease-fire while Syria engaged in fighting with Israel.

The Syrian authorities on their part yesterday continued to maintain a high state of alert along their southern border. Formations of Syrian planes were yesterday reported to have continued to patrol that country's airspace for the second day running.

No terrorist activity has been reported across the northern cease-fire line since last Tuesday. The terrorists have been using the southern sector of Syria as a main stepping-off point for their sabotage activity. (See Middle East Scene, page 12).

Golan reopened to civilian traffic

The Golan Heights were yesterday reopened to civilian traffic. "Itim" reports from Kiryat Shmona that repairs continued on water mains and electricity lines damaged in the Syrian shelling on Tuesday.

Syrian soldiers across the border were seen clearing away rubble and rebuilding their positions.

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MEIR INTERVIEW: Anti-Semitism behind Europe's tolerance of terrorism

MILAN (Reuter). — Prime Minister Golda Meir — in a magazine interview published here yesterday — accused European countries of tolerating Arab terrorism because of "an anti-Semitism still not extinguished."

Interviewed for the magazine "L'Europeo," Mrs. Meir said: "Thanks to your inertia and your acquiescence, terrorism will increase and you too will have to pay the price. Up till today there has been too much tolerance on your part — tolerance which allow me to say, has its roots in an anti-Semitism still not extinguished."

Mrs. Meir said she believed that the Middle East war would continue for many more years because of the indifference with which Arab leaders sent their own people to their death. She said that she would definitely retire from the premiership next year. "Many people do not believe that I will go. But they must believe it, and I will even give them the date — October 1973 — when there will be the elections. When those are over, goodbye."

Reiterating demands for direct peace talks with Arab leaders, Mrs. Meir said, however, that Israel would never give up Jerusalem. Israel would not discuss Jerusalem," she was quoted as saying.

She thought that most Israelis would be prepared to give back to Jordan a part of the West Bank of the River Jordan, though the Israeli Government had not yet taken a decision on this.

She said in the interview that she thought Gaza should remain part of Israel, though she would not object to the Arabs raising the question of Gaza if negotiations took place.

On the Golan Heights, she said that she was ready to negotiate with Syria on the condition that new boundaries would guarantee Israel a presence on the Heights.

"In other words, the Syrians today are exactly where the boundary should be fixed. On that we do not yield... Only if they remain where they are today will they stop shooting at us as they have for 19 years."

Discussing Sinai, Mrs. Meir said that Israel only wanted control of Sharm el-Sheikh and a stretch of desert linking it with Israel. "We know that the Suez Canal is not necessary to our defence and we already declare ourselves willing to give it up."

Mrs. Meir ruled out the possibility that the Palestinian refugees could be allowed to return to Israel.

"For 20 years they have been fed with hatred for us. They can no longer return among us."

The Prime Minister also said that Israel could not accept the creation of a third state between Israel and Jordan. "It would be used like a knife against us."

More Soviet Jews arrive — via Bucharest

LOD AIRPORT. — A group of Russian immigrants who arrived here yesterday inaugurated a new immigration route — via Bucharest.

The group arrived aboard the regular El Al flight from the Rumanian capital. More Russian immigrants arrived by special El Al planes from Vienna — the customary way-station — bringing the total to more than 300. Minister-without-Portfolio Yisrael Galili was on hand to greet the newcomers.

Itim learns that representatives of Aeroport, the Soviet airlines, are holding talks with Greece on opening a Moscow-Athens line. It is believed this may be connected with a Soviet plan to win some of the immigrant traffic to Israel — transporting immigrants to Athens, from which point they would continue to Israel by El Al. (Itim)

40 Soviet Jews detained after Moscow protest

MOSCOW (AP). — Squads of police swept into the busy central telegraph and post office Wednesday and detained a total of about 40 Jews, sources reported yesterday. The Jews were protesting the government's refusal to grant them exit visas to Israel.

The sources said the police arrived en masse shortly before 10 p.m. "There were about three or four militiamen for every Jew," said one eyewitness.

The Moscow correspondent of the Swedish daily, "Dagens Nyheter" reports that an increasing number of Jewish intellectuals will be allowed to leave the Soviet Union without paying a ransom tax. They would merely have to sign a statement saying they agree in principle with the tax but are unable to pay it.

Cairo warns Big Five on Israel

CAIRO. — Egypt told the big powers yesterday that it would not be indifferent towards Israeli attacks against Syria. The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mohamed Hassan el-Zayyat, summoned the British, French, Soviet and Chinese Ambassadors, together with Joseph Greene, chief U.S. diplomat in Cairo, to discuss "the latest Israeli aggression on Syria," an official announcement said.

It said Zayyat drew their attention to the fact that Egypt's well-known ties with Syria — the two countries are partners in the proposed Federation of Arab Republics, with Libya — "dictates the Egyptian Government stand towards this aggression."

This was the second time within 24 hours that Zayyat had conferred with the British, French and Soviet Ambassadors on Tuesday's Syria-Israeli fighting.

The Deputy Premier and Minister of Information and Culture, Mohamed Abdel Kader Hatem, said that Egypt has taken urgent steps to support Syria. He made the statement after a long Cabinet session.

Sapir line gets backing at Labour debate

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Foreign Minister Abba Eban led the way at the Labour Party Secretariat meeting yesterday in lining up solidly behind Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir on the future map of Israel and the Government's policy in the territories.

The Sapir stand — which opposes the views of Defence Minister Moshe Dayan — enjoyed various degrees of support from Ministers of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar-Lev (in his first speech before a party executive forum), Knesset Security and Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Haim Zadok and the head of the party's young leadership, Michael Elishah.

The counter-view, outlined by such speakers as Itim Hakibbutzim leader Senta Josephthal, was that Mr. Sapir and Mr. Lyova Eilav by their minimalist stands made peace more distant because they discouraged the Arabs from coming to grips with reality and accepting Israel's existence.

They were taking part in the fourth session of the debate on the Government's policies in the territories. The next and final session is due to be held next month, with summing-up speeches expected from Premier Golda Meir, Mr. Dayan and the Minister without Portfolio, Israel Galili.

Outlining his "vision of peace," the Foreign Minister urged leaving all options open. He said that Israel's future borders should be different from the old ones, but the country should be without any sizeable Arab minority. He envisaged "a friendly neighbourly relationship" with the adjoining countries, involving trans-country transportation as in Europe.

Mr. Eban spoke of developing sources of employment in the territories, and dismissed Mr. Dayan's phrase that "the only way coexistence can flourish is under the rule of the Israel Government and under Zabal's protection."

He supported much of Mr. Sapir's arguments, especially on the demographic threat of an Arab population increase to Israel's Jewish character.

He considered the Alon plan the best territorial solution "because it omits the heavily populated areas in the West Bank."

Mr. Eban criticized the world press "for the personalization of this debate. The Government's policy is not that of any one Minister but of the party as a whole. The press presents the debate as if it is a fashion show, with each designer depicting his creation."

Mr. Eban urged a five or ten-year plan for solving the refugee problem, and urged extending the (Continued page 2, Col. 3)

Dayan: No plans to integrate West Bank

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said in Jerusalem last night Israel will not pull back from the Golan Heights, permit Arab forces west of the Jordan river, or give up Sharm el-Sheikh. But there is room to negotiate a new border with Egypt in Sinai somewhere between the old border and the Suez Canal.

Mr. Dayan was speaking at a dinner in the Knesset, marking the conclusion of the Ninth International Convention of the World Council of Synagogues.

Mr. Dayan said the Government does not plan to integrate the West Bank into Israel, but that normal commercial relations are healthy and desirable.

Speaking of Chief Rabbi Goren's

recent action in the mamzer case Mr. Dayan said that he "considered it first-class leadership." He added that he expects the Chief Rabbis to solve problems, and not to create them.

Questioned on civil marriage in Israel Mr. Dayan said that he would favour it — if there was no other alternative. Mr. Dayan sidestepped a question on the recognition of Conservative rabbis in Israel and said that all Jews here should be free to pursue their own religious views.

At elections earlier in the day, Samuel Rotstein became the new President of the World Council. Tourism Minister Moshe Kol announced that he was joining the board of the Council.

Longest Paris talks

PARIS. — American and North Vietnamese envoys yesterday negotiated for six hours, their longest session since they resumed a search for a Vietnam cease-fire here on Monday — and there were signs of some progress.

U.S. presidential adviser Henry Kissinger and Hanoi emissary Le Duc Tho even took time out for a long stroll outdoors, chatting and sometimes joking — a sign to observers that progress was being made.

Yesterday's session, the fourth meeting this week and the first in which newsmen and photographers were allowed to come close to the

villa where talks are being held, ended at 4:30.

Only 30 minutes before the fourth session started in this township 25 kms. south of Paris, a tough Saigon troubleshooter arrived to stand watch on the talks.

He is Nguyen Phu Duc, a special representative of South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu. His arrival brought to three the total of top diplomats Thieu has ordered to Paris since the talks began.

Conference sources said Duc was under orders to press for Hanoi's acceptance of Thieu's demands in return for his approval of a cease-fire accord. (Reuter, UPI)

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Seven killed as trucks collide near Gaza Strip

THE WEATHER Forecast: Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms and showers. Table with columns for Yesterday's, Today's, and Tomorrow's weather conditions and temperatures for various locations.

A pick-up truck carrying Gaza Strip labourers to work in Israel collided with a trailer-truck early yesterday on the Erez-Ashkelon road, killing seven women. In another accident, a Bat Yam woman was killed while crossing a street in Jaffa.



ARCH OF PEACE. — Foreign Minister Abba Eban is seen passing under this 112-ton stone sculpture, which was unveiled at Independence Park in Tel Aviv yesterday.

LABOUR DEBATE School strike 'inevitable,' teachers say

(Continued from Page One) powers of local government in the territories and reducing Israel's role to a purely military one. Like Mr. Zadok and Mr. Bar-Lev, the Foreign Minister was very firm in opposing Jewish settlement in populated areas lest it hamper future talks.

By SARAH MONTGOMERY Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The likelihood of a school strike this year increased considerably yesterday following long, fruitless hours of negotiations between teachers' representatives and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

Social and Personal

Mrs. Max N. Mitzkin, newly elected President of Hadassah, on Tuesday presented a painting by Ben Shahn to President Shazar.

Jordan holding three for plot against Hussein

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter The Jordanian Government has told a delegation of East Jerusalem notables that a Jordanian army officer and two civilians, including a member of a prominent Jerusalem family, are being held in Amman in connection with an anti-Husseini plot, masterminded by the Libyan regime of Muammar Gaddafi.

5,000 rend garments over Goren move

By ABRAHAM BABINOVICH Jerusalem Post Reporter Close to 5,000 persons publicly rent their garments in Mea Shearim last night in an unprecedented gesture of protest during a demonstration against Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren.

Injured Israelis flown back from Kenya

LOD AIRPORT. — Three young Tel Aviv men injured last week in a road accident in Tanzania arrived here from Nairobi yesterday, accompanied by two Israeli doctors who flew to Africa on Saturday to treat them.

TV shows continue with disruptions

Jerusalem Post Reporter Television programmes will continue to be disrupted as news and production workers continue their strike, a workers' committee spokesman said yesterday.

Mrs. Raya Jaglom, president of World Wizo, yesterday gave a luncheon in honor of Mrs. Michael Sieff and Mrs. Elaine Blond, on the occasion of Israel's 25th Anniversary.

Sapir defends policies against Ben-Aharon

Jerusalem Post Reporter BERT BEREL. In an emotional defence of his own policies against the criticism of Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon — Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said yesterday his 43 years of service for the labour sector spoke for themselves.

GOREN

(Continued from Page One) appeal to the Supreme Rabbinical Court against the mamzer ruling had failed because the members of the court had been threatened by "terrorists." He added that the eight dayanim who approved the decision lifting the stigma from the Langers had asked that their names not be revealed out of fear of reprisals.

Dr. ARTUR RUDICH

The memorial ceremony and unveiling of the tombstone of our dear Dr. Artur Rudich will take place on Tuesday, November 28, 1972, at 3 p.m. near the new gate of the Holon cemetery.

ANNI BLUMBERG

passed away peacefully in Cape Town. Beloved mother of Harold and Marion. Grandmother of Margot, Julian and Dan.

The Philip and Lenore Davidson High School was dedicated on Tuesday at the Israel Goldstein Youth Village of Hano'ar Hatzioni, Jerusalem.

Rally planned for Soviet Jewry in T.A. tomorrow

A rally of solidarity with Soviet Jewry will be held in Tel Aviv tomorrow evening with the participation of Prime Minister Golda Meir; Jacob Stein, chairman of the U.S. President's Conference; and S. Z. Abramov, M.K. The assembly will be held at Kikar Maitchei Yisrael at 5:30 p.m.

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The Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. Moshe Sanbar, will speak on "The Economy in 1973," at the Haifa Maritime and Economics Club, at 1 p.m. today.

Bank Leumi official held for fraud

TEL AVIV. — The deputy director of Bank Leumi's central branch clearance department was released on EL3,000 bail by the Magistrate's Court yesterday, after being arrested on suspicion of embezzling thousands of pounds.

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Mr. Eliezer Livneh will speak on "Israel in the Seventies," at the Haifa Engineers Club at 1 p.m. today.

Raya: Decision on Ikrit-Bir'im 'not final'

TEL AVIV. — The decision not to permit the return of the Bir'im and Ikrit evacuees to their villages is by no means "final" — as far as Archbishop Joseph Raya is concerned. The Greek Catholic Archbishop, who heads the Public Committee for the Return of the Bir'im and Ikrit Evacuees, was referring to an announcement by Premier Golda Meir in the Knesset last week, when she said the decision was final.

JACK SHAW

On the 30th day after the death of our beloved husband and father JACK SHAW of London A memorial service and unveiling of the headstone will take place on Thursday, November 30, at 3 p.m., at the Shikun Vatikim Cemetery, Netanya. We shall meet at the cemetery gates at 2.45 p.m. Rosa, Ruth and Simon

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Rain breaks heavy shara Jerusalem Post Staff Rain fell in several parts of the country yesterday, breaking a shara which caused two forest fires earlier.

Man jumps to death from top of Shalom Tower

TEL AVIV. — A man jumped to his death from the observation deck on top of Shalom Tower here yesterday as a large crowd looked on. The man, 38, a resident of Ramat Gan, was killed instantly. His body was taken to the Abu Kaber Institute for Forensic Medicine. Shalom Tower, in Rehov Herzl, is the tallest building in the city. The man, whose name was not released, was said to have suffered from mental depression.

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Owing to the death of Mr. Zvi Kraemer the Hanukka Bazaar in the Parents' Home, Ramat Gan, 185 Rehov Aluf David, has been postponed to Monday, December 4, 1972, at 6 p.m. (Communicated)

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Some 50 J.N.F. workers, aided by four teams of firefighters from Hadera, fought the blaze. In the evening they were reinforced by an army unit, but by nightfall the blaze was still not under control.

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A PAVIS TICKET seller, 80-year-old Bernard Goldstein of Ramat Hasharon, was robbed by two motor-scooter riders in Tel Aviv Wednesday evening, police reported yesterday. The two allegedly punched the old man and snatched his case, containing IL600 and a packet of lottery tickets.

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El Al stewardess wins long battle

Work contract struck down as discriminatory to women

TEL AVIV. — El Al stewardesses yesterday won their battle for equality with the male stewards when the District Labour Court here struck down three clauses in their work contract as discriminatory to women.

'Turning point in fight for equal rights'

TEL AVIV. — El Al stewardesses' lawyer Aliza Tamir hailed yesterday's Labour Court decision against sex discrimination in El Al as a turning point in the fight for equal rights for working women.

U.S. Jews want active critical role of Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter American Jewish leaders participating yesterday in the final session of the President's Conference said they wanted to play a more active role in criticizing defects in Israeli society, but implied that Israeli leaders were not willing to listen to criticism.



Hebron law enforcement officials catalogue the evidence of yesterday's religious vandalism at Machpela Cave—bits of pages from psalm books.

Local notables to guard synagogue Vandals desecrate Tora in Hebron shrine

Hebron notables, including Mayor Mohammed Ali Ja'abari, have expressed their "profound shock" at an act of religious vandalism committed yesterday in the synagogue of the Tomb of the Patriarchs and have volunteered to take responsibility for guarding religious articles in Machpela Cave in future.

University talks bogged down

Jerusalem Post Reporter Negotiations on a final settlement of last month's student strike are bogged down because of the Justice Minister's refusal to allow a Tel Aviv judge to serve as chairman of the arbitration committee.

Man jailed for stabbing daughter

TEL AVIV. — A 61-year-old man from Ramle, who stabbed his daughter, was sentenced to 18 months in prison by the District Court here yesterday.

TWA plane causes alert at Lod Airport

Jerusalem Post Reporter Features of an instrument panel indicator on an incoming TWA airliner caused an emergency alert at Lod Airport yesterday morning, but the Boeing 707 landed safely with 80 passengers on board.

One of eight quads dies

Jerusalem Post Staff HAIFA. — One of the quadruplets born to Mrs. Mary Kaban here on Tuesday died early yesterday.

Woman held in stepdaughter's death

NABLUS. — Police here arrested a 35-year-old woman suspected of causing the death of her 32-year-old stepdaughter. They think she struck her stepdaughter on the head with a sharp instrument during an argument over an inheritance.

Weizmann Letters' J'lem offices close, tight budget blamed

REHOVOT. — The "Weizmann Letters" offices in Jerusalem have been closed due to soaring costs and difficulties in financing, Meyer W. Weisgal, chairman of the editorial board and general editor, announced yesterday.

Woman, 70, jumps off tractor, dies

TIRA. — A 70-year-old woman here jumped to her death yesterday from a tractor her son was driving. Amanah Kassem of Tira was riding on a tractor driven by her son, Mohammed Kassem, near this triangle village when she saw a police van approaching. She jumped off the tractor and was crushed under one of the wheels.

'Iraq is further mistreating remaining Jews'

Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — The Iraqi authorities have stepped up their mistreatment of the 350 to 400 Jews left in Iraq, Moshe Shahal, M.K., told a solidarity meeting at City Hall last night.

Hausner to urge postponement on civil marriage bill

TEL AVIV. — Knesset Member Gideon Hausner will recommend to the Independent Liberals Party convention next week that it agree to put off the vote on his pending civil marriage bill, in order to give Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren time to deal with the problem, Mr. Hausner announced yesterday.

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New home approved for Bezalel near Israel Museum

Jerusalem Post Reporter The District Planning Commission here approved the construction of a new home for the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design alongside the Israel Museum.

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H.U. rugby season starts

By JACK LEON Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Hebrew University's 1978/79 rugby season kicks off tomorrow with the year-old Israel Rugby Football Union's first double-header in the capital. The two matches take place at the national stadium on the campus.

Aguda M.K. resigns seat

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter Rabbi Shlomo Gross resigned his Knesset seat Wednesday to make way for the next man on the Aguda list, Rabbi Ya'acov Mizrahi, a party leader from the Rehovot Yeminite community.

TOTAL NOW OVER IL11,000 Eran, 5, gives favourite truck to Toy Fund

The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund H.Q. has decided this year to skip the Toy Fund pins we distributed in the past to young girls. The pins were a feature of the Toy Fund for the past 15 years. We promise we will make something really special next year for our 25th birthday, which comes just after the 25th Anniversary of the State.

SEVERAL HUNDRED STUDENTS at Tel Aviv University boycotted classes for two hours yesterday to protest the fact that the Ministry of Labour (which is in charge of the school) does not recognize its student union. The students say no one is willing to listen to their complaints or suggestions.

60 U.S. IMMIGRANTS and 10 returning Israelis arrived in Haifa Tuesday aboard the s.s. Anna Maria. The newcomers include 21 old-age pensioners who have bought apartments in Israel. Also aboard were 100 senior Greek officials who came to spend a few hours in Nazareth before taking the ship back to Greece.

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The IL150,000 grand prizes in the Mifal Hapayis lottery were drawn yesterday by tickets no. 177299 and 754278. Number 653171 won IL50,000 and numbers 412738 and 542780 won IL12,500. Tickets 055605, 320830, 606645 and 711093 won IL6,250. Tickets ending in "7" won IL4. The following won IL1,250: 133519, 289013, 568071, 797873, 780228, 120003, 251956, 402374, 621253, 075057, 239331, 300252, 617964, 048700, 185022, 357802, 604855, 021622, 168968, 521214, and 572707.

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HEATH DEFEATED ON MOVE TO AID MART MIGRANTS

LONDON (Reuter). — A chastened British Government decided to move warily yesterday after a surprise parliamentary defeat on immigration regulations.

Official sources said the Government was in no mood to rush into action on an issue it felt had been confused by misunderstanding and mixed motives.

The defeat came on Wednesday night by 275 votes to 240 after a House of Commons debate on provisions for controlling entry into Britain. Opponents said the proposed rules favoured citizens from European Common Market countries over those from the Commonwealth.

It was the first parliamentary reverse on a significant issue since Prime Minister Heath's Conservative Party came to power in the June 1970 general election. It was also highly unusual because the Government had put its supporters under the strictest disciplinary pressure.

The question of the Government's resignation does not arise, but Ministers will now have to find ways of making concessions to Conservatives who rejected the regulations.

They must submit new rules within 40 days, but political sources predicted they would want to take a careful new look at the problem before risking a second defeat on an unexpectedly emotive issue.

Wednesday night's vote resulted from what parliamentary observers called an uneasy alliance between Conservative rebels and members of the Labour and Liberal opposition.

Motives were often mixed, observers said. The Conservatives mainly were protesting against regulations which they felt gave Common Market nationals preference in freedom of entry and working rights over Commonwealth citizens — especially those from the old, predominantly white countries of Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Others felt the rules were more favourable to the "white" Commonwealth than to African and Asian members.

An extra impetus, observers felt, came from the strong undercurrent of opposition to British entry into the Common Market. Anti-Market parliamentarians hailed the vote as a great victory.

Basically, the rules defeated on Wednesday night were drawn up to bring British immigration law into line with European Community regulations on freedom of entry and working rights among member countries.

The adverse vote came despite reassurances from Government speakers that senior ministerial consultations would take place with the governments of Canada, Australia and New Zealand to prevent any hardship.

The most perplexing difficulty for the Government may be how to meet the demand of Conservative rebels for preferential treatment for those who want to work in Britain from the old "white" Commonwealth. The question is how to do this without discriminating against the newly independent Commonwealth countries in Asia and Africa.

ELEPHANTS. — Four wild elephants looking for food completely destroyed the kitchen of a house occupied by the caretaker of a house near Kluang, about 110 kms. north of Kuala Lumpur, officials said yesterday.



Police try to hold back Peronist demonstrators near the Buenos Aires home of the former leader. (AP radiophoto)

POLICE SEIZE 100 PERONISTS

BUENOS AIRES. — Police seized nearly 100 Peronist demonstrators on Wednesday in a clash near the house of ex-President Juan Peron in a suburb of Buenos Aires.

A group of several hundred persons were stopped at a police checkpoint near the house. They refused to go back and tried to break through, and the police fired teargas grenades and charged the demonstrators.

A police helicopter hovered overhead directing the operation. The police had permitted more than 100,000 persons to jam into the street over the weekend to give Peron a noisy welcome home after 17 years in exile. On Monday, however, roadblocks were put up and only small groups were permitted to pass. On Tuesday night some 1,500 Peronists were ordered away and the area was sealed off, with police stationed throughout the zone.

A Government communique said the action was taken to protect Peron from a "direct attack" planned by persons who had infiltrated the Peronist youth movement.

President Alejandro Lanusse said that it was his Government's responsibility to provide the fullest security measures for Peron, measures that in effect also limit Peron's activity here.

Lanusse, addressing correspondents, made no reference to a report of an assassination plot against Peron that his own office distributed earlier. But he stressed repeatedly that it was his Government's responsibility to provide the fullest security measures for Peron, measures that in effect also limit Peron's activity here.

"The armed forces also have to give their opinion" about any presidential candidate for the forthcoming elections, said Lanusse, who heads the country's military government and its army.

Amin counts 'and warns' missionaries

KAMPALA. — European and other non-Ugandan missionaries reported to Diocesan offices throughout Uganda yesterday for a special census ordered by the government on Tuesday. Immigration officers handed out forms on which the missionaries had to write their names, places of work, qualifications and residence permit details.

The atmosphere at the centres in Kampala was relaxed, and officials appeared to be doing their best to be helpful and courteous.

But the purpose of the census, which has not been mentioned in the official news media here, is still not entirely clear. It applies not only to European church workers, but also to non-Ugandan Africans. There are a number of Rwandese and Sudanese clergymen attached to the Protestant Church here to serve the thousands of Rwandese and Sudanese refugees in Uganda.

President Idi Amin said on Wednesday night he wanted the church in Uganda to be run entirely by Ugandans so that there was no possibility of subversion by foreign missionaries.

He told a conference of women's representatives here that, following the expulsion of Uganda's 40,000 non-citizen Asians, "the Imperialists may try to come back through religion and cause confusion in the country."

Two terrorists killed in clash with patrol in Lebanon

BEIRUT. — Two terrorists were killed in a clash with a Lebanese army patrol in south Lebanon yesterday, police reported last night.

Three other terrorists belonging to Fatah were disarmed and arrested in the shooting incident that occurred near the town of Hashaya on the foothills of Mount Hermon, according to police sources.

The incident followed angry demonstrations by Lebanese villagers protesting the return of terrorists to the area they evacuated following a massive Israeli incursion in September, the sources said.

The army patrol, sent to prevent a clash between terrorists and villagers, came under terrorist fire and Lebanese soldiers returned fire, the sources claimed.

There was no immediate comment from the terrorists yesterday.

Another terrorist was killed in a shooting incident with a Lebanese police patrol in Beirut Tuesday.

Norwegian forces search for phantom submarine

OSLO (Reuter). — Dozens of Norwegian naval vessels and planes combed the waters of a narrow fjord in west Norway yesterday for a foreign submarine — perhaps Russian — believed to be lurking here for the past two weeks.

Officials said the mysterious vessel has remained submerged for 13 days. Naval experts have, therefore, drawn two conclusions — either that it is a nuclear submarine which can remain under water for a long time, or that the submarine has somehow succeeded in surfacing unnoticed to "breathe."

A defence command spokesman said the hunt is developing into an endurance test — because the submarine could remain in the fjord for weeks, taking advantage of its excellent hiding places.

The submarine, which most Norwegians believe to be Russian, could be hiding in the Sogndalsfjord, a 16-kilometre wide bay on the northern side of the 200 kilometre long Sognefjord.

Two British anti-submarine helicopters, which had been taking part in the hunt for several days, were withdrawn yesterday under an advance agreement. A Norwegian spokesman said there was no immediate plan to ask for assistance from other NATO countries.

On Wednesday the Norwegian frigate Trondheim fired a Norwegian-built Tern anti-submarine missile after sonar devices spotted a moving submerged object. But nothing happened.

COMBAT LOSS OF B-52 ADMITTED Two American planes crash in Vietnam

SAIGON. — Two U.S. Air Force bomber planes crashed in South Vietnam yesterday bringing to seven the number of American planes lost in combat in the past four days, the U.S. Command said.

The U.S. fighters continued to pound targets below the 20th parallel, flying 90 sorties in the 24-hour period ending at 5 p.m. yesterday, the Command said.

The U.S. Command said the B-52 bomber, which crashed in Thailand on Wednesday, probably had been hit by a Sam missile. It was the first time the U.S. has admitted the combat loss of a B-52, which carries a six-man crew. All parachuted safely when the stratosphere went down, the Command said.

The U.S. has recorded six of the bombers crashing accidentally in Indochina since 1965.

Hanoi Radio, announcing it had shot down the bomber, said it was the 19th shot down by North Vietnamese air defences.

On the ground, heavy fighting ranged over much of the length of South Vietnam, with both sides seeking to gain as much terrain as possible before any cease-fire.

A Saigon military spokesman said Marine positions in the northernmost province of Quang Tri were shelled heavily for the 12th consecutive day yesterday, with about 1,400 shells falling on or near targets. Four marines were killed and 15 wounded.

CAMBODIA BORDER

In action near the Cambodian border south-west of Pleiku, 360 kms. north of Saigon, spokesmen said 27 Communists and six government troops were killed in heavy fighting.

In Cambodia, Vietcong forces re-occupied the 90-kilometre stretch of Highway Two reaching south from Phnom Penh to the provincial capital of Takeo.

Meanwhile, South Vietnam, despite its opposition to a draft peace agreement being thrashed out in Paris, yesterday took steps to prepare for a post-peace-fire political battle.

President Nguyen Van Thieu summoned his top policy-making body, the National Security Council, to discuss political measures to be taken in the event of a cease-fire, informed Government sources said. Heads of the national police, military security and the government propaganda office were also called to yesterday's meeting.

President Thieu was also reported yesterday to have set up a special committee to supervise a small army of several thousand civilians, government officers and cadre army officers spreading through the countryside to explain the government's stand on the cease-fire issue.

Informed sources said the committee, known as the Central Committee for Political Struggle, would take on the main effort of combating Communist propaganda after a cease-fire.

A Saigon radio broadcast on Tuesday reported that special "anti-Communist struggle committees" were being established and special political action teams were being sent throughout the country.

Yesterday the radio continued its daily attacks on parts of the Hanoi-Washington draft agreement, this time stressing Saigon's demands for full withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops from the south and its insistence that a cease-fire should apply to all Indochina.

Grechko to Paris Monday

PARIS (UPI). — Soviet Defence Minister Marshal Andrei Grechko will arrive here on Monday for a five-day official visit, during which he will confer with President Georges Pompidou and members of his cabinet, the Defence Ministry said yesterday.

Mr. Grechko also will tour French military bases and be shown some of France's latest military equipment and weapons, the ministry said.

The tour will include aircraft engine factories and a trip to Istres Air Force Base near Marseilles to see the latest aircraft, including the Mirage G8 and Mirage F-1 fighter-bombers.

Mr. Grechko will hold several meetings with Defence Minister Michel Debre and Premier Pierre Messmer. He will meet Mr. Pompidou at the Elysee Palace next Friday and fly home a week from tomorrow, the ministry said.

Nato urged to extend navies to Indian Ocean, South Atlantic

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — A prominent committee of NATO parliamentarians yesterday called on the Atlantic Alliance to extend naval protection to Western Europe's "vital shipping lines in the Indian Ocean and the South Atlantic, including surveillance and communications."

The Military Committee of the "Atlantic Assembly," an advisory body of 200 lawmakers from 14 NATO countries, made the recommendation to the full Assembly, which has been holding its annual meeting in Bonn this week.

British conservative M.P. Patrick Wall, who was author of a committee report on the "Soviet Maritime Threat," told newsmen yesterday that "50 per cent of Europe's oil and 25 per cent of its foodstuffs" are shipped around South Africa's Cape of Good Hope.

The committee also proposed a 10-year NATO projection of its oil needs and a study of ways to increase European oil stocks.

"A main theme of the committee's findings is that the North Atlantic Alliance is being outflanked by Soviet naval forces in the north, south, and Mediterranean."

A conservative member of the Norwegian Storting, Paul Thyness, who stressed activities of Soviet ships in the Baltic and the North Atlantic, criticized new Danish national defence plans, which he said would mean a cut in Denmark's strategic military forces.

Mr. Thyness said the committee found "no signs the Soviet Union has decreased its defence spending" but rather that it has increased it.

Mr. Wall said the Soviet Union had an estimated 390 submarines with its four global fleets and suggested that Soviet forces at sea could be deployed without evoking the danger of Western nuclear response.

The draft recommendation to extend NATO naval operations south of the Tropic of Cancer would, if passed, not be binding but could have weight with the NATO Council of Ministers.

The chief obstacle to realizing the plan is political, committee sources said, with leftist quarters in the Alliance warning that it would in effect be providing protection to South Africa, and to Portugal's African colonies.

But Mr. Wall denied to reporters that this was the case, saying that no new alliances would be involved.

Belgian King consults over gov't crisis

BRUSSELS (UPI). — King Baudouin yesterday consulted political leaders as a way out of the government crisis caused by a split in the ruling majority over problems between Belgium's French and Flemish language communities.

Premier Gaston Eyskens Wednesday handed in the resignation of his Social Christian-Socialist coalition, but the King reserved his reply.

The King waited to begin his consultations until Indonesian President Suharto left Brussels at 12.30 p.m. after a three-day state visit to Belgium.

The first to be called in by the King early in the afternoon were Edmund Leburton and Jos van Eynde, co-chairmen of the Socialist party.

The Socialists blamed their Socialist Christian government partners for the crisis when the Social Christians turned down an Eyskens compromise on outstanding issues between the Flemish and French-speaking communities.

Nato asked to fight hijackers

BONN (Reuter). — The Nato Assembly issued an urgent call to Nato member governments yesterday to fight hijacking and terrorism by cutting off flights and foreign aid to countries harbouring air pirates.

In a sweeping package of recommendations approved by the Assembly, delegates urged their 14 member governments to refuse landing and servicing rights to the national airlines of countries which aided terrorists.

The recommendations also called on Nato governments to exert political pressure on the Greek government for a restoration of parliamentary democracy there.

The recommendations on the Assembly do not have formal authority, but delegates said they carried weight with the Nato authorities.

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How to find and meet a Jew in Russia

NEW YORK (Reuter). — The American Jewish Congress has published a "briefing kit" for travellers to the U.S.S.R. subtitled "How to find and meet Russian Jews." The kit contains facts on what to bring, where to go and what to say. It is sprinkled throughout with a caution to tourists wishing to contact Russian Jews.

Editors Phil Baum and Zev Furst, of the Congress's Commission on International Affairs, point out that the kit contains nothing which violates Soviet law and in fact urges "strict conformity with Russian regulations." Nevertheless, it is suggested that the kit itself be read and studied — then left at home.

On the topic of what to bring, "one or two" singularly Jewish items are suggested, such as a daily prayer-book, a prayer shawl or a Jewish calendar. And if the tourist would like to leave small gifts with Russian Jews whom he meets, blue jeans and albums of rock or country music are suggested.

The traveller is warned: "No material of a political nature... should be carried with you."

The synagogue, the Jewish cemetery and the university are suggested as places where one may meet Soviet Jews.

The tourist is urged to make himself — and his Jewishness — highly visible at these places, in order to allow cautious Soviet Jews to warm up to the idea of speaking to a strange foreigner.

The kit also contains facts on American Jews, Israel, a list of Russian synagogues and maps and directions to synagogues in Moscow, Kiev and Leningrad — just in case, the Soviet taxicab driver feigns ignorance of their locations.

Bolivia declares siege; charges conspiracy

LA PAZ (UPI). — President Hugo Banzer declared a state of siege in Bolivia early yesterday and announced the arrest of some extremist leaders believed to be at the centre of a conspiracy. Troops have been stationed in the industrial area of northern La Paz and at key points elsewhere in the city, a government statement said.

Banzer, a right-wing army colonel, declared the state of siege after a meeting at his home with his cabinet and the head of the armed forces.

The government announcement said that "vicious and senseless elements have undertaken an effort to bring about rebellion and negative attitudes among some groups of the people."

A state of siege gives authorities the right of arrest without court orders, suspends the need for search warrants and limits other civil liberties.

The declaration came one day after industrial workers in the capital went on a 24-hour strike, reportedly to protest a statement on Wednesday by Interior Minister Col. Mario Adelt Zamora about "extremist interference in the workers' unions."

Jordan officer said assaulted in Lebanon

AMMAN (Reuter). — A Jordanian officer declared *persona non grata* in Lebanon on Wednesday and sent here from Beirut had been "beaten and wounded in the head," a Government Spokesman said here.

The spokesman said that Lieut. Hisham Luiti Yusef, Assistant Military Attaché in the Beirut Embassy, had been returned at the request of the Jordanian authorities.

Yusef was seized on Sunday night while allegedly passing explosives and a timing device to a Jordanian accomplice outside a seafaring hotel. He was "arrested by armed elements in co-operation with Lebanese security men and was 'beaten' and 'wounded' in the head," the spokesman said.

(A Lebanese government statement said Lieut. Yusef had been injured slightly when he attempted to escape.)

A report from Beirut says that the Jordanian Military Attaché, Brigadier Sufyan Jum'at has been recalled to Amman to provide clarification on the case involving Lieut. Yusef.

Beirut press reports said Brigadier Jum'at would not be returning to his post and that his recall was at the request of the Lebanese Government in view of his being directly responsible for Lieut. Yusef.

The reports also said that the Lebanese Government had expressed the desire that two other unnamed Jordanian officials be withdrawn from Lebanon because of the explosive incident.

'Nice gesture' Allende asked Kremlin to release Jews

WASHINGTON (AP). — The president of the Union of Rabbis of Latin America, Abraham Haraberg, said on Wednesday that President Salvador Allende of Chile has sent a letter to the Kremlin appealing for freedom for Soviet Jews.

"I thought it was a very nice gesture," said Rabbi Haraberg, who met with Mr. Allende during a recent visit to Chile.

"Allende genuinely believes in freedom of religion and in his letter he expressed concern over the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union," he said.

Rabbi Haraberg, a Polish-born American citizen whose home base is in Mexico, said there is full religious freedom throughout Latin America, Cuba included.

"As a matter of fact, the Cuban Government subsidizes three synagogues and a kosher restaurant," he said.

He estimated the total Jewish population in Latin America at 1 million and said about half of them are in Argentina. He said there are only four rabbis born in Latin America — one each in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Uruguay.

Asked about reports of repression of Jews in Argentina, Rabbi Haraberg said anti-Semitic groups do exist in that country, but the government is against them.

"These kind of groups exist in every country, but what matters is the official government position," he said.

The rabbi, who also is chairman of the International Committee for Religious Freedom, an interfaith group, said his purpose in coming to Washington is to dispel rumours that the Mexican Government is moving toward the left.

He said reports of this tendency have been widespread since Mexican President Luis Echeverria invited Allende to visit the country.



French President Georges Pompidou was greeted by tribal chiefs on his arrival at Lome Airport in Togo on Wednesday on an official visit. The French President is on a tour of African states. (AP radiophoto)

J.D.L. threat to Arab in Paris alleged

PARIS. — The General Union of Palestinian Students in France urged Palestinian students living in Europe yesterday not to allow themselves to be provoked by the Jewish Defence League.

A statement claimed that the League had sent a threatening note to one of the union's leaders on Wednesday.

It also claimed that the J.D.L. had sent threatening messages to Wael Zuaiter, a Palestinian who was shot dead in Rome last month, a few days before his death.

The union warned Arabs and Palestinians to be vigilant and not to allow themselves to be provoked "in a conflict that is not being pursued on the European scene."

The statement by the Palestinian Union declined to name "the threatened man" for security reasons, but said a note in French had been placed in his car reading: "The Jewish Defence League is everywhere."

"Our man in Paris has the impression that he is being followed, and we have informed the police," the union said.

Mitterrand links France to abortive Guinea coup

DAKAR, Senegal (UPI). — French Socialist leader François Mitterrand said Wednesday in a Radio Congo broadcast monitored here that Portugal, France and other big powers were responsible for the abortive coup in Guinea two years ago.

Speaking at ceremonies marking the anniversary of the abortive seaborne attack by mercenaries helped by local dissidents, Mitterrand said "Portugal wasn't alone. Many other imperialist countries, including ours, have more or less directly or indirectly participated."

Mitterrand said Guinea was right in voting for independence from France in 1958, thus rejecting the late President Charles de Gaulle's constitutional referendum creating a French community of nations.

President Ahmed Sekou Toure of Guinea, in a parallel speech, said de Gaulle had ignored three offers of cooperation made by Guinea after she had opted out of the French community.

Toure said difficulties met by Guinea after independence were due to France "who has abandoned Guinea."

Toure said 14 Guinean ministers, all of them high army officers, have been put on trial on charges of conspiracy after the November 1970 coup.

U.S. Jews to boycott Pepsi over Soviet deal

LOS ANGELES (AP). — A pending business agreement between PepsiCo Inc. and the Soviet Union has prompted a boycott of the firm by two local groups in sympathy with Soviet Jews.

The California Students for Soviet Jewry said consumers will be asked to refrain from buying Pepsi Cola and other goods produced by any firm "which chooses to engage in trade with the Soviet Union while they hold our brothers for ransom."

The Southern California Council for Soviet Jews, said the two local groups would work with hundreds of other organizations to "make the boycott national in scope."

Texas farmers claim cheating in wheat sales to Soviet

AMARILLO (AP). — Five wheat farmers have filed a suit claiming that a conspiracy between six grain companies and a government official in the sale of American wheat to the Soviet Union has cost Texas farmers \$60m. in payments for their crop.

American grain companies sold more than 400 million bushels of wheat to the Soviets during July and August.

Named in the suit, filed on Wednesday, were Continental Grain Co., Bunge Corp. and Garnc Grain Co., all of New York; Cook Industries of Memphis, Tennessee; Louis Dreyfus Co., of New York; and Cargill Inc. of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Also named in the petition is Clarence Palmby, Formerly Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for International Affairs and Commodity Programmes, who is now a vice-president of Continental Grain Co.

"This is very similar to a proceeding suit," said Bryan Poff, the farmers' attorney. "We believe that Palmby and others who had knowledge of these impending wheat sales to Russia told certain grain operators and conspired not to let anyone else know. Most of our farmers sold their wheat in June for \$1.35 to \$1.44 (per bushel) and in August, when the sale was known, the price jumped to \$1.80 and on up to nearly \$2.50."

Turks dissolve all student organizations

ANKARA (AP). — The Turkish legislature passed a law Wednesday night dissolving all existing student organizations. The law was sent to President Cevdet Sunay for signature.

Extremist student groups were blamed for campus violence and civil disruption which led to proclamation of martial law in 11 Turkish provinces in April 1971.

The law will allow one new student organization to be set up at each school or faculty. The new organizations are forbidden to engage in political activity and must have their headquarters off campus.

The new law also forbids foundation of any organization based on "race, language, class, religion or sect." Organizations are forbidden to use names, symbols, slogans in any way related to "fascist, national-socialism, Communism or anarchism."

Tight security at Jerusalem Fair in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (UPI). — An Israeli cultural fair commemorating the birth of the Jewish State 25 years ago opened to large crowds on Wednesday with cadres of off-duty police hired to thwart possible violence. Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek hoisted the flag to open the fair.

Tight security prevailed at the start of the 11-day Jerusalem Fair, and crowds attending the downtown convention centre had to pass through an airport-type metal detector before entering.

Car crash costs Dane his seat in parliament

COPENHAGEN (AP). — In a state of shock and grief, former Minister of Fisheries A.C. Normann on Wednesday became the third member of Denmark's Folketing (parliament) in 123 years to hear the Speaker order him to leave the assembly and never come back.

In a vote that split the Social Democratic government and all the parties right down the middle, the Folketing voted 88 to 70, with five abstentions, to declare Normann, a 68-year-old Social Liberal, unworthy of preserving the Folketing seat he held for 22 years.

The vote followed one hour of sometimes passionate debate for and against expelling Normann on the grounds that he is under sentence to serve 30 days in prison for negligent homicide in an auto crash which killed two people, crippled a child and seriously injured a fourth.

Normann, who drove his official car at a speed of 128 kph. at the moment of the crash, was expelled from the Folketing on the basis of a constitutional article applied only two times previously, in 1873 and 1967.

In the latter case a member from the Faroe Islands was voted out after a court sentenced him to 40 days in prison for violation of bank laws.

Only a week after the auto crash in September last year Normann, who was seriously injured himself, was re-elected to the Folketing by his constituency while he was still in hospital. Since then he has fought bitterly to retain his seat.

But after Wednesday's vote and the Speaker's pronouncement that he must leave the assembly at once, Normann got up, emptied his small desk of personal belongings and walked out of one of the longest careers in Danish politics while his former colleagues watched in deep silence.

EAST AND WEST BEGIN TALKS ON SECURITY

HELSINKI (UPI). — Diplomats from East and West got down to work on a European Security Conference yesterday.

The 34 ambassadors from the U.S., Canada and 32 European countries met for 75 minutes to begin preparatory talks on a full security conference, expected to be held some time next year.

The real business — whether and when to hold the conference and what it should discuss — is to be handled here over the next few months. For the moment, the 34 nations will be busy jockeying for position.

Rumania, the maverick of the Soviet bloc, took the floor to complain that its ambassador, Mircea Balanescu, had not been allowed to speak at Wednesday's ceremonial opening. Balanescu said yesterday that he had wanted to underline the "equality" of all nations by establishing a rotating vice-chairmanship.

"This (his silencing on Wednesday) is unprecedented in international affairs," the ambassador raged. More privately, to Western diplomats, he said that "it is undemocratic."

France argued against establishing any written rules for the meeting, and also against any official briefings for the press. France also expressed opposition to any working groups being appointed by the meeting to hammer out an agenda for the full conference.

The purpose, according to spokesmen, was to make the meeting as informal as possible. Under this method, a decision on what to put before the full conference would be taken if no country was strongly opposed to it.

If a country registered strong opposition, then the decision would be dropped.

In effect, this gave every one of the 34 nations a veto. Western spokesmen said they hoped to avoid a Soviet veto of the key Western proposals on "free movement of people and ideas" by a mixture of bargaining and threats of propaganda defeats. "We just hope they (the Soviets) won't want to take the onus for shooting down popular proposals," one spokesman said. "Actually, consensus is the only way to proceed — and it often works well."

A Finnish diplomat, Dr. Rikard Toettermann, was elected chairman of the meeting, but the question of a vice-chairman was deferred.

Countries of both the East and West blocs — Poland and East Germany, for instance — opposed the idea of a rotating vice-chairmanship. France said there should be no vice-chairman at all, and it appeared likely that this idea would prevail.

Labour troubles again hit Italy

ROME (Reuter). — Government ministries and law courts were paralyzed for the second successive day yesterday, and thousands of building workers stopped work in the latest round of autumn labour troubles to hit Italy's weakened economy and central administration.

In Sicily, schools were shut by a teachers' walkout, 350,000 agricultural workers struck to back demands for a renewal of labour contracts and agricultural reforms, and Sicilian construction workers walked out.

But the worst blow to the government of Premier Giulio Andreotti, already troubled by economic difficulties, came from 300,000 state employees staging the second day of a 48-hour strike.

Union sources claimed 85-90 per cent of state employees joined the walkout on Wednesday.

Yesterday they again shut down all government ministries except the Education Ministry, closed tax offices and reduced staff at frontier customs posts to a minimum. Big queues of trucks were building up at the Brenner Pass into Austria. Italy's main road link with central Europe.

The strike also brought out law court officials, causing postponement of a large number of court cases.

The state employees are protesting the recent doubling of pay for top civil servants, and demanding a three-year labour contract system as in other sectors of the economy.

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POLLUTION IS MOVING FASTER THAN THE CURES

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Man's environment is deteriorating faster as a result of pollution than his measures to stop it take effect... 20 years from now the fish in the Mediterranean and some other seas will no longer be edible because of the noxious chemicals now being poured into them... I saw in the Haifa area old rubber tyres being burnt in fuel. People see only the black smoke, but don't know that it also contains particles that cause cancer... I also passed a cement plant which operates without dust filters. In my country such a plant would not stay in operation for more than two days."

These disquieting observations come from a round-faced, soft-spoken, German scientist who has just paid his first visit to Israel.

Dr. Helmut Berge is one of the renowned experts on industrial pollution. He is the founder and director of a research institute near Dusseldorf and is accredited to West German courts as an expert on damage caused by industrial and mining operations.

He was invited here by the cultural centre attached to the German Embassy and lectured to health officials, technologists, urbanologists and others concerned with the protection of our environment, including faculty members of the Technion which now has a course on environmental engineering.

One of Dr. Berge's innovations is the use of "indicator plants" to warn

against pollution in cities and rural areas. "Plant analysis is indispensable, as examination of leaves will reveal how far pollution has progressed. The U.S., Germany and Sweden now have stiff laws and standards on protecting environment. We have a very large lime and cement plant in the North Rhine-Westphalia district, for example, but a hundred metres from it the air is clean. The dust problem is the earliest to solve."

Dr. Berge is more optimistic for developing countries — if they take timely precautions to protect their environment — than for the older, industrialized countries where the problem has been diagnosed too late.

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But he cites official spokesmen of Brazil, Tunisia and India as saying that if they have to choose between industrialization and neglect of environmental protection, they prefer the economic progress. However, there is not even adequate action in many advanced countries. The recent U.N. conference in Stockholm on pollution produced only meagre results. "Destruction outruns protective measures," Dr. Berge says. Dr. Berge produces frightening figures on the rate at which destruction proceeds. "If one regards the entire period in which our globe with all its fauna and flora has evolved as having lasted one year, then the development of our motor traffic can be said to have taken place in 12 seconds. All our petroleum will be used up in 28 seconds."

Refuse, dust, sulphur dioxide, and other poisonous chemicals are terrorists who threaten the quality of human life.

"Life can be pleasant and worth living only in a healthy environment... You here in Israel should avoid the mistakes of Los Angeles. You will have to guard against the dangers of advancing industrialization of rising traffic, of noise... You need more testing stations. You have humid air along the coast. Some gases emitted by industry may in themselves be harmless, but when they combine with a certain degree of moisture in the air, they can be dangerous."

Plants, shrubs and trees can not only warn of pollution danger, but also help clean the air and reduce noise. However, the most pressing need is for legislative action.

West Germany, he says, has adopted the "causation principle" in fighting pollution. Whoever causes damage to the environment is held legally and financially responsible.

Dangers in illuminated signs, study reveals

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — KEEP away from illuminated fluorescent publicity signs — popularly known as neon signs — or from the steel pylons to which many of them are attached. They are apt to be faulty, without earthing, and if something goes wrong, anyone touching the pylon or any other metal part linked with the sign runs the risk of electrocution.

An investigation by Development Ministry engineer Victor Sussan in the Haifa area has revealed that many of the signs have been defective from the start, installed by electrical firms which disregard the safety regulations — a fact of which the people who buy the signs are generally ignorant. The Ministry and the police are now trying to decide which is to prosecute the offenders.

The investigation began after the Paul Lamberg publicity agency, which ordered many of the signs from contractors, complained to the police, the Ministry and the Electric Corporation. In order to make their prices competitive, the contractors in question had installed signs without condensers (which adjust inequalities of voltage in the electricity supply), often without earthing.

The Electric Corporation spokesman explained that it did not supervise or check the installation of publicity signs. If a contractor submitted a plan, and the company's experts checked and approved it, but nobody was obliged to submit a plan.

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The Development Ministry spokesman explained that its own office responsible for supervising electrical installations and equipment did not have the staff to check electric signs throughout the country. It arranged for the training and licensing of electricians, who were expected to comply with all the safety regulations. If they violated them, they could be prosecuted and have their licences withdrawn. The spokesman admitted that the Development Ministry could not prevent unlicensed persons from installing signs and that is lacked means of enforcing the safety regulations against them.

It appears that unscrupulous contractors have, perhaps for years, been taking advantage of this loophole. The Ministry is entitled to issue administrative orders forbidding the use of dangerous electric installations or equipment; but it apparently at a loss as to how it can take action to protect the public in the case of faulty publicity signs.

Experts say that to make the faulty signs throughout the country conform to statutory safety standards would cost a vast amount. While the offending firms now face prosecution for criminal negligence, the question remains: which public agency is going to enforce the safety regulations?



Forty daily and 10 weekly newspapers from around the world are on sale at the combined newsstand-post office of the Canada Club, a comprehensive student facility dedicated yesterday on Hebrew University's Mount Scopus campus. The newsstand is acclaimed by its manager, Mr. David Kausel, to be "the most diversified in all of Israel." Before coming to Israel two years ago, Mr. Kausel operated what he says was the most variegated newsstand in New York City, on Union Square. Canada Club, established by the Hadasah-Wizo Organization of Canada, is situated on the lower slopes of the campus dormitory area where some 3,000 students live. The facility also offers on its ground floor a cultural centre and on the upper floor, a modern supermarket.

Danish Jews in row over rabbi

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jewish community of Copenhagen is in an uproar over remarks by Denmark's Chief Rabbi Bent Melchior following a memorial service for the victims of the Munich Olympics massacre.

Rabbi Melchior, who is in Jerusalem for the convention of the World Council of Synagogues, said yesterday that following the service he told journalists that he thought Denmark should recall its ambassadors on prolonged leaves from countries giving shelter to terrorists. Denmark should also cut off its aid to such nations and curtail cultural relations with them.

The interview made headlines in the Danish press which said the rabbi wanted Denmark to sever diplomatic relations with the countries concerned. Rabbi Melchior said yesterday that the Danish Foreign Minister even appeared on television to deny such plans.

Following the incident the Copenhagen Jewish community was rent between those who supported the rabbi and those who thought that he had overstepped the bounds of rabbinic leadership.

Rabbi Melchior told The Post that just before leaving for Israel he handed his resignation to the community leaders as a result of the controversy. He added, however, that since a new board of regents was being elected in his absence, he might find a changed situation upon his return. "I may arrive at a new *modus vivendi* with them and carry on in my position," he said. (Rabbi Melchior's late father was Denmark's Chief Rabbi for many years, with the son taking over upon his death.)

In Denmark, the Chief Rabbi is considered the spokesman of Jewry, that is why his remarks occasioned such controversy. Rabbi Melchior explained. He added that two brothers and a sister living in Israel and his oldest son studying at a yeshiva here, "my ally is a very real possibility."



Rabbi Melchior

Computer can help, but doctor decides

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The computer can provide valuable diagnostic aid to the physician — but it is the doctor himself who must make the vital decisions. This was stated yesterday by Dr. Gary Rosenberg, of Rothchild Hospital in Haifa, who with the help of the Technion staff, has drawn up a "differential diagnostic programme" to help diagnose patients admitted to the hospital in a coma. He was speaking at the eighth data processing conference being held at the Hilton Hotel.

Dr. Rosenberg, a physician, said the computer was limited by the information the doctor fed it. Doctors would stress different symptoms and findings depending on their education.

Another factor was that different doctors, due to different systems of education, used different terminology. Moreover, the computer lacked "common sense" and "intuition" and the best diagnosis consisted of a combination of factual findings backed up with a highly developed intuitive sense.

Nevertheless, with all its drawbacks, the computer could provide the physician with a wealth of factual information, thus allowing him to speed up his own diagnosis. For example, as soon as the patient in a coma was admitted (a comatose patient was selected since the patient himself could provide little information, thus forcing the doctor to relate mainly to outward physical symptoms), the physical findings were fed into the computer. It would reply that it seemed that the cause of the coma could be due to several causes, and advise that certain tests be performed. On the basis of the results of these tests, the computer would make certain other suggestions as to the ailment, and suggest further tests.

Dr. Fred Wiener, of the Technion, who used a computer to tabulate the different types of blood donors to Magen David Adom, noted that the most frequent blood type in Israel, according to a survey of 50,000 donors, was "A" with 34.9 per cent; followed by "O" with 31.5 per cent; "B" with 16.3 per cent and "AB" with 7.3 per cent. All these are Rh plus and thus 90.5 per cent of Israelis have Rh plus blood. The remainder consists of Rh minus types, with "A" Rh minus being the rarest in Israel, with only 0.6 per cent of the people having it.

German priest says Israel should 'show restraint'

By H. BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. A visiting West German clergyman said here on Wednesday that although Israel was justified in defending itself against acts of terrorism, this week's "attack against Syria" was regrettable, because innocent civilians were hurt.

The visitor, Dr. Kurt Scharf, head of the Evangelical Church of Berlin-Brandenburg, was speaking to a group of Negev University students. Dr. Scharf said Israel should show more restraint and "political wisdom" to strengthen the hands of moderate Arabs. "Brute force will not bring peace any nearer," he said. He added that Israel should not have to return to the pre-1967 borders.

Dr. Scharf said his church had joined the world protest against the Soviet ransom tax, and that he and other church leaders had met with the Soviet Ambassador in Bonn on the subject.



Nathan Feingold

Moscow artist's works to be shown here

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon on Sunday will open an exhibition of oils and drawings by the Moscow painter Nathan Feingold at the Artists' House in Jerusalem. Feingold, who has not yet been allowed to leave Russia, has sent a message to the opening, stating he discovered his "essential Judaism" when he began painting. Art, he says, is "basically national" and could not develop outside its natural cultural environment.

A communications engineer who was on the team that worked on the Soviet satellites programme, Feingold, 43, quit his work in 1966 and waited the statutory five-year period for the Soviet government to permit him to go to Israel. However, he has so far been refused an exit visa. His wife's papers are in Israel.

When Nobel Prize laureate Heinrich Heine was in Moscow several years ago, he called on Feingold and acquired a painting from him. An exhibition of Feingold's work at the Moscow University in 1967 won laudatory notices in the Soviet press. Feingold uses Jewish themes in his works, including Hebrew characters. The exhibition is being arranged under the auspices of the National Council for Soviet Jewry.

Jerusalem bus garage

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset Interior Committee has recommended that the new Egged bus garage planned for Jerusalem's Talpiot quarter be isolated from the adjacent residential neighbourhoods. The Committee said a high wall should be built around the garage to serve as a physical barrier and several rows of trees planted around the garage.

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MODEST CONDUCTOR

The Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra, Paul Capolongo, conductor; David Chen, Violin; Jerusalem Theatre, November 21. Prokofiev: Classical Symphony; Martin: Violin Concerto; Alexander: "Nabab" (Caucasian Premiere); Tchaikovsky: "Romeo and Juliet."

THE orchestra again demonstrated, as in the two previous concerts with the guest conductor, that they like working with him. The collective sound was fresh and lively, with the ring of true collaboration. Capolongo makes music unostentatiously and does not try to impose his personality on the music; he is concerned exclusively with translating the score into sound. In the Classical Symphony he did not overtax the ability of the musicians. He adopted a moderate tempo in the first movement, but in the finale he accelerated into breathtaking speed turning the sparkling passages into a brilliant display of orchestral virtuosity.

Frank Martin's Violin Concerto of 1951 also gives an orchestra opportunity to contribute to the impression of the work, and the instrumental climaxes were masterfully built up. David Chen performed his sole part with diligence and faultless reliability. But what I miss, time and again, in his playing is quality of tone. There is no flexibility of colour, no warmth of expression, no vibrating life. The lack of these characteristics bar complete enjoyment of Chen's considerable technical achievements.

Haim Alexander originally wrote Nabab ("Stick" in Arabic) for the Inbal Dance Theatre but, for once, a score composed for dancing stood on its own merits in the concert hall. Only eleven instruments participate (woodwinds, trumpet, doublebass and two percussionists), and the scope of sound and tone mixtures is always within the realm of chamber music. The music is strongly oriental in colour and character though it never degenerates into cliches. Rhythm is ever present in the background, lending tension and propelling force to the developments, but the treatment of the percussion group avoids domination or over-exertion, a failure of so many composers. The effect of the piece is immediate and sustained. Paul Capolongo brought the concerto to an end with Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet," another of those works whose weight and quality is diminished by too many hearings. The performance was totally satisfying, and conductor and orchestra alike shared in the warm reception accorded them by the audience. YOHANAN BOEHM

Music Reviews

Bikur Holim director named Dr. Dov Ehrlich, former head of the health services in the Gaza Strip and Northern Sinai, has been appointed medical director of Bikur Holim Hospital in Jerusalem, the hospital spokesman has announced. Dr. MIBUSH GELMAN, head of the hospital's Obstetrics Department, had been serving as acting hospital head since the death of the previous director, Dr. Herman Wollstein, two years ago.

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PROPAGANDA VICTORY FOR U.K. PRO-ARAB LOBBYISTS

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The pro-Arab lobby in Britain has just scored a propaganda victory which will never be lost about its effectiveness for that. They have managed to get their view of the Arab-Israeli dispute published as commentary in an authoritative and hitherto impartial yearbook.

The weighty "Middle East and North Africa" reference book is published by Europa here in London in a new edition every year. This year, for the first time, the book carries introductory essays by what it calls "acknowledged experts" who attempt to analyse the problems which face the region.

The first of these essays is written by Lord Cawston, British Ambassador to the U.N. some years back, and one of the architects of Security Council resolution 242. His essay outlines what he believes is a possible solution to the impasse. Setting out what he considers are essential for peace, it never purports to be more than one man's opinion.

The two articles which follow are, however, intended to be objective analyses of the situation in the Middle East. Unfortunately, the editor chose a known partisan of the Arab viewpoint to tell us about "The Arab-Israeli Confrontation 1967-72, and the Jerusalem Issue."

The decision to invite Michael Adams, whose pro-Arab stance is well known, to write these articles is extraordinary. Mr. Adams is the full-time, salaried information officer of the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding.

SELECTIVE

CAAABU is the pro-Arab lobby here which includes among its members Christopher Mayhew, M.P., who is noted for defending Arab actions and attacking Israel in and out of the House of Commons.

Adams' first essay is a long and selectively detailed record of events since the end of the Six Day War, as seen through the eyes of one who believes that Israel is responsible for the conflict in the area.

He starts off by relating that the 1967 war meant that "the conflict had been complicated by the occupation of Arab territory, the displacement of more refugees, and the aggravation of the sense of grievance felt by the Palestinians."

The war is referred to as a "disaster" or "catastrophic" in its effect on the Arabs. The fact that it was forced upon Israel and that it had the effect of removing the issue which was around Israel's neck are not noted. He tells how Israeli shelling along the Suez Canal led to evacuation of the population and destruction of the towns, but omits to say who was responsible for the start and continuation of that mini-war.

Throughout the eight-page article, Adams is at pains to prove his contention that the main stumbling block to peace in the region is Israel's declared intention to retain large parts of the occupied territories.

In the second essay, Adams drops all pretence at presenting an objective study of "The Jerusalem Issue." It is simply a polemic, a denunciation of the annexation of the Arab part of the city. He records all the U.N. resolutions which criticized the annexation and any other item which he can drag in to prove this action wrong.

The reader is told about the concern felt by Christians and Moslems for the fate of the city. No mention is made of the concern of Judaism for the city which is the centre-place of Jewish historical and religious aspiration.

As an added bonus for the pro-Arabists, another member of CAAABU, Mr. Tom Little, was given the task of writing the history of Israel in the "country surveys" section of the book.

ERRORS OF FACT

Sticking to a fairly straightforward recording of the history of modern Israel, Little's greatest fault lies not so much in the way his text is slanted as in his errors of fact. He falls down on points like writing that Ben-Gurion "emerged from retirement to become Minister of Defence early in 1967." He also informs us that the three millionth Jew arrived in Israel early in 1972. This error is pointed up in the statistical survey a few pages further on which shows that at the end of 1971 there were over 400,000 non-Jewish citizens in a population close to three million.

I spoke to the publishers, Europa Publications, and asked them if they believed that Adams and Little openly and avowed supporters of the Arab cause, were the most objective "experts" they could have found to write these sections.

"It is our opinion that the articles present the objective picture which we wish to present. Taking the articles in their own context we believe them to be reasonable for our purposes," the official approved reply stated.

They were only prepared to apologise for the fact that a few favourable words from a review of the fact which *The Jerusalem Post* gave the 1970/71 edition is reprinted on the dust jacket, without any reference to the fact that it was a review of a previous edition. This, they told me, will be corrected in future.



Members of the Shenyang acrobatic troupe from China — 10 in all — balance on a bicycle during a dress rehearsal in Ottawa. The troupe, which includes acrobats, plate-spinners, hoop drivers and other entertainers, opened on Wednesday night before a capacity audience of almost 2,000 in the Opera of the National Arts Centre. (AP radiophoto)

Ali nursing his first cut

FORMER heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali was left nursing a cut eye Tuesday night after battering Bob Foster, the world light heavyweight titleholder, into an eighth round knock out in Stateline Nevada.

Foster, 19 kilos lighter than Ali, went crazing to the canvas six times for counts of eight before he was finally dispatched with a long-right-handed pile-driver 40 seconds into the eighth round of the 12-round bout.

But Foster, Ali's sixth victim this year, succeeded in cutting the ex-champion's face — something Ali boasted had never happened to him before in his professional career.

All's doctor said the cut Foster opened up under the left eyebrow in the fifth round would require stitches.

The fight took place in the unusual setting of the High Sierra nightclub of the Sahara-Tahoe Hotel. Nearly 1,700 fans sat around stepping drinks in the plush red booths of the nightclub.

All, dabbing an ice-bag to his cut eye after the fight and looking weary, predicted his next match could be with European heavyweight champion Joe Bugner of Britain. He is still seeking a re-match with Joe Frazier, holder of the world heavyweight crown.

All was full of praise for Foster's game attempt to deal with overwhelming odds. "Frazier never could hit me the way Foster hit me tonight," Ali declared.

But to the crowd, watching Ali go in for clowning pats with his gloves in the third round and staging a comic impression of sagging at the knees in the seventh, it sometimes appeared that Ali was carrying his opponent and they did not like it.

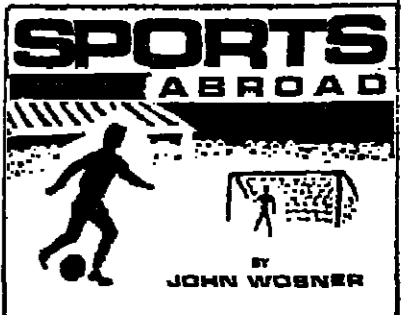
All explained this afterwards by saying it was part of his strategy. "He didn't know I was as fast as I was and I didn't know he was as good as he was."

Foster, looking about as dejected as Ali as the two sat side by side backstage being interviewed, said he would like a re-match, "if he gives me one."

Asked what had happened to the deadly left-hook, which has kept him undisputed light heavyweight champion since 1968, Foster said: "I didn't get a chance to put it in."

All, who had predicted last week he would finish Foster in eight rounds but cut the prediction to five on the day of the fight, made a determined effort to finish it at the end of the fifth round.

"I thought I had 30 seconds to take him," said Ali, who put Foster down seconds before the bell, then danted around him as if the fight was finished.



PRO FOOTBALL

Stung by the Atlanta Falcons quick 10-0 lead, the Washington Redskins, behind Larry Brown's running and Bill Kilmer's passing, roared back to a 24-13 National Football League victory over the Falcons Monday night.

RUGBY

The New Zealand rugby union team suffered its second defeat this tour and the first ever against an English provincial side when they were beaten 16-14 on Wednesday by North West Counties, in Worthington.

North West scored a goal, a penalty, a dropped goal and a try against two penalty goals and two tries by the All Blacks. Only four Welsh clubs, apart from National sides, have registered victories since the first New Zealand Tour in 1903. The All Blacks were beaten previously this tour by Llandell of Wales.

SOCCER

England forward Kevin Keegan scored in the last minute to give Liverpool a 1-0 victory over Leeds United in their football league cup fourth round replay at Leeds Wednesday.

The match looked certain to go into extra time until Keegan headed the winner from a corner conceded by former England defender Jack Charlton. Liverpool will meet Tottenham Hotspur in the quarter-finals.

Chelsea moved into the semi-finals of the competition by beating third division Notts County 3-1 with Petr Osogood scoring both for and against Chelsea. His second half own goal gave Notts County a fleeting hope of springing an upset but Chelsea slammed in a third goal to clinch their victory.

On Tuesday night a hat-trick by Graham Paddon gave Norwich City a 3-0 win over Arsenal in their quarter-final.

Two of Paddon's goals were the result of bad errors by Arsenal goalkeeper Geoff Barmet but Norwich were worth the win which sent them further along the road to repeating their 1962 league cup triumph.

In the other quarter-final on Tuesday Blackpool fought well to take a 1-1 draw away to Wolverhampton Wanderers and force a replay. Keith Dyson put Blackpool ahead in the 85th minutes before Wolves replied eight minutes later through Jim McCallister.

International defender John Brownlie scored the 72nd minute goal which earned Hibernian a 1-0 victory over Rangers and a place in the final of the Scottish League Cup against either Celtic or Aberdeen.

HASHISH SMUGGLING AND ORANGES, HERB CURES AND BANK ROBBERY

By HENRIETTA BOAS
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

AMSTERDAM — A drug smuggling are everyday events in Holland today, a recent example of each of them, one involving a drug-running band of Pakistanis and the other a herbal cure doctor who got away with a million guilders, merit special attention.

Amsterdam narcotics police this month unmasked the largest conspiracy of hashish smugglers ever to be discovered in Holland. Ten Pakistani men and an Englishwoman have been arrested so far, and further arrests are expected.

They belonged to an organization which, using a bogus Pakistani import firm, smuggled at least 1,000 kilograms of hashish worth about two million guilders into Holland.

The hashish was hidden in skilfully hollowed out boards of crates filled with oranges, small woodcraft elephants, and onyx ashtrays and small boxes, which the firm imported from Pakistan. The narcotics police started its investigation several months ago when large quantities of narcotics were circling on the Amsterdam drug market, the origin of which could not be traced. The police got their first clue when someone reported that a Pakistani import firm, without a fixed address in Holland and without permanent storerooms, was importing crates with oranges from Pakistan by air, though the air freight was much higher than the sum that could be realized by the sale of the oranges.

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Eventually, a 32-year-old Persian technician, with a Pakistani passport, was arrested. He was found with 42 kilograms of hash, and documents showing he was connected with a Pakistani import firm.

This led to the arrest the same day of two other Pakistanis temporarily living in Amsterdam, who, in addition to Pakistani oranges, also imported woodcraft and onyx objects. They were found to have hired storerooms in various basements in and around the city, often for only a week. There, they emptied the crates, threw away the oranges, smashed the objects — and

prepared the hashish for sale. Each crate contained about 2½ kilograms, and each innocent elephant about one pound. There must have been at least 20 to 30 air shipments of 35 crates each, police estimated.

When two further Pakistanis went to the airport to collect some other crates of oranges that had arrived from Pakistan, they too were arrested, and their arrest led to that of the master mind, including the Englishwoman, who had been living in an Amsterdam hotel. The arrests came minutes before they were due to have left the hotel; their suitcases were already downstairs at the reception.

NOTORIOUS

This same week, a bank robbery of over one million guilders took place, noteworthy for the method by which it was carried out, and especially for the man who carried it out.

He was Willem van de Moosdijk, notorious throughout the Netherlands as the "herb doctor." Living in a small village southwest of Eindhoven, 10 kilometres from the Belgian border, he claimed to be able to cure seemingly incurable patients by his knowledge of herbs.

In increasing numbers, people who had tried everything to regain their health made the pilgrimage to Mr. van de Moosdijk's bungalow to be cured by him. In his sitting room, sitting under a life-size portrait of the local bishop, he told those consulting him that they could be completely cured by regularly using herbs he would supply them — at a price.

At the height of his career, he used 22 delivery van drivers to take parcels of herbs to his clients up and down the Netherlands, Belgium, and in France and West Germany.

However, two or three years ago a former "patient" of Mr. van de Moosdijk went on TV to complain that he had lost nearly all his money by paying for herbs which had not cured him — and had prevented him from consulting a doctor while there was still time.

More complaints followed; people lost confidence in the "herb doctor" until he was declared bankrupt. He was arrested and sentenced to several months' imprisonment for swindling.

Nevertheless, he continued his practice, though on a smaller scale, in particular in Belgium and France. As a result, he often was sent large sums of foreign currency, which he changed into Dutch currency at an Eindhoven bank.

RUBBER HAMMER

On Thursday, November 9, he phoned his bank manager to say that he wanted to change a large sum of foreign currency, to the value of a million guilders. He explained he did not want to go to the bank carrying such a large amount, for fear he might be robbed, and therefore asked the manager to send two employees to his home early next morning, with the required amount.

On arrival at the herb doctor's bungalow next morning, one employee remained in the car, while the other went inside with the money. The herb doctor offered him a cup of coffee — and while the clerk was drinking, Mr. van de Moosdijk struck him unconscious with a rubber hammer, grabbed the

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Off-shore airfield in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

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Some ten companies from abroad as well as six or seven local contractors are expected to bid on the tender. Part of the reclaimed land is to be run parallel to the coast near the "L" Plan area to serve as an internal-flights landing strip. This would make possible closure of the Side Dov airfield, which hampers the development of the "L" Plan area and is a nuisance to residents already living there.

The plan for a landing-strip in the sea however is controversial and has yet to win Government approval, with the final decision expected in four months.

The tender is being published beforehand to enable planners to estimate the cost of the project and the time needed to complete it. Initial estimates are that the off-the-coast landing strip would cost internal-flights landing strip. This would make possible closure of the Side Dov airfield, which hampers the development of the "L" Plan area and is a nuisance to residents already living there.

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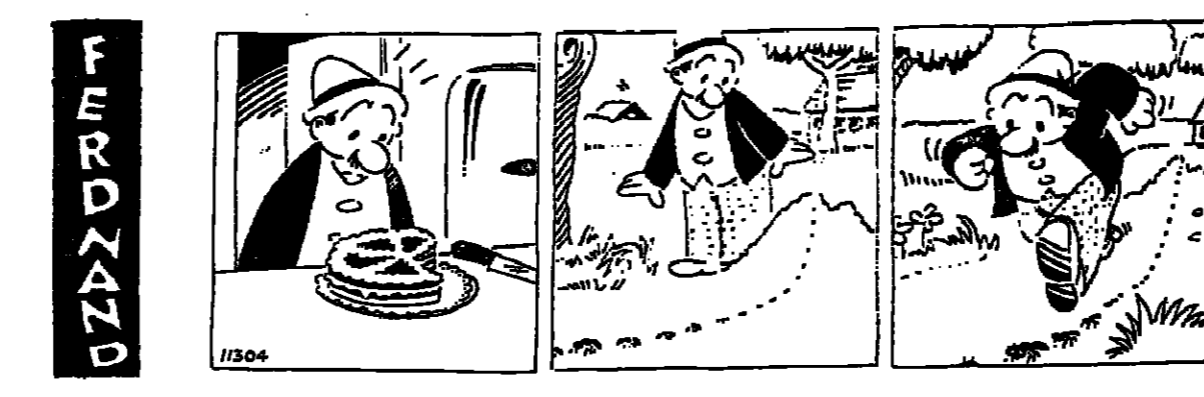
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SELLING TO THE 'JEWISH MARKET' — FOR AND AGAINST



Mr. Faierman

By AARON SETNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
A little bit of Jewish sentiment can help sell Israel's goods abroad...



Israel's Geflote fish — relegated to the 'kosher' section in U.S. supermarkets.

don't see why this couldn't happen today...
But Mr. Faierman hastens to add: "On the other hand, I realize that Jewish identification with Israel's merchandise cannot and must not cover up for defective goods or bad service...

were commercially viable, these circles believe, there would be the practical problem of marketing. They point to demographic studies that indicate a continuing dispersion of Jewish families in America...

Another problem is that all Israel food specialties are automatically relegated to the "Kosher Foods" sections, which attract a limited traffic — Jewish housewives who also happen to be interested in purchasing kosher foods...

A related headache for the Ministry and its trade commission abroad is a well-known practice common among the Jewish community centers in the U.S., Canada and Britain. There, as part of their supportive activities on behalf of Israel, "Israeli Product Fairs" are held, at which imports — foods and other merchandise — are sold at ridiculously low prices.

Local merchants who carry Israel products sometimes complain to Israeli trade officers that importers bypass them and sell directly to the organizers of these fairs. This leaves them (the shop owners) with piles of unsold Israel goods.

One Ministry official puts it this way: "Our aim should not be to locate Jewish customers for Israel products, but to convince them — in the normal channels of distribution."

Mapam: Tax returns should be published

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

FINANCE Minister Sapir has dropped the idea of publishing a list of everybody's tax returns...

"It is necessary to supplement administrative sanctions by moral and social pressures," he told The Jerusalem Post last week. "People who live well will not want to be shown up before the public as paying a minute tax," he said.

This view is supported by a sub-committee (under Dr. Fanya Ginor) of the Asher Committee on Tax Reform. Its recommendation that tax lists be published will be studied by the plenum of the Asher committee at one of its coming meetings. Should the sub-committee's recommendation be adopted, this would create a confrontation with the Finance Minister — who is himself backed by tax experts in his Ministry.

They say that it takes time to complete assessments, particularly in questionable cases. An up-to-date list of all returns could be achieved only six years after the tax-year in question, by which time the information would be obsolete.



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Haifa couples protest price of apartments

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA — Several dozen young couples demonstrated outside City Hall and then marched to Rehov Herzl yesterday afternoon in protest against the high cost of the flats being built for them by Shikun Ovdim in Rehov Zurim, Neve She'an.

The demonstrators were part of a group of 500 couples who registered early in 1971 with the Municipality for public housing. In July 1971 the first 250 homes were distributed by lottery; the remaining couples were promised housing on the same terms — IL43,000 — "in a couple of months."

Embittered young husbands explained that even the Municipality had been embarrassed by the price increase and had approached the company last winter. "While the financial wizards of the Municipality were negotiating with Shikun Ovdim on a reduction of IL2,000 or so of the Building Index..."

The couples also complain that their mortgage loans carry 11 per cent interest, while 8 per cent is the rate for new immigrant mortgages.

Some of the "newlyweds" were accompanied by their young children — an indication to the authorities and to the sympathetic on-lookers that they had indeed been waiting a long time.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Stocks firmer as A-I Paper plunges

TEL AVIV — The Stock Market was generally firmer yesterday, advanced only one point to 213, after a high of 214 1/2. Clal Investment was down two to 209.

All Discount Investment shares were considerably better yesterday, with bearer share climbing five points to 279. Paz was up one, at 119 1/2.

Index-linked bonds were somewhat weaker, and dollar-linked bonds steady. Turnover in the bond market totalled IL2,755,800.

The General Index of Share Prices fell by 0.07 per cent to stand at 213.28.

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes: DEBITURES LINKED TO THE INDEX, PUBLIC UTILITIES, BANKING INSUR. & FINANCE, etc.

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More citrus fruit, Bill would control fewer hands in Gaza this year

Jerusalem Post Reporter
GAZA — Gaza Strip citrus growers expect this year's crop to reach nine million crates, one million more than last year.

Like last year, one-third of this year's crop is earmarked for Western Europe (through the Israel Citrus Marketing Board), one-third for Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia, and the rest for Jordan and other Arab countries.

Local citrus growers face an acute labour shortage this year since most of the Gaza Strip labour force is employed in Israel. Unskilled workers are demanding IL12-15 per day, as compared with IL6 per day last year. Skilled workers are demanding as much as IL30 a day, it is learned.

Mini-golf, bowling alley proposed Sheraton to build hotel in Eilat

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
Eilat is not worried about occupancy next year, because the 25th Anniversary of the State promises an unprecedented influx of holiday-makers.

The establishment will be built by a group under Haim Basok, Deputy Mayor of Tel Aviv. But the support of the Tourism Ministry hinges on the express condition that the hotel be run and managed by Sheraton International.

Queried about this yesterday, Simcha Pops, head of the Tourist Industry Development Corporation, explained to The Jerusalem Post that hotels are springing up "like mushrooms" in the Red Sea town, and there is a danger of over-building. "Eilat contains 700 rooms today. By next year another 1,100 will be added — before the Sheraton goes up."

"But Sheraton has 260 electronic booking agencies throughout the U.S. and in Europe. They could add a new dimension to Eilat's tourist trade," he declared.

The Sheraton Eilat will have 290 rooms and will be situated next to the Neptune Hotel. It will have an Olympic-sized swimming pool, several tennis courts, a mini-golf course, a bowling alley, a shopping arcade; and the investors are pressing to build Eilat's new airline terminal (for buses to the airport) on their property.

Investment will be IL40m. Approval of the Tourism Ministry is imperative, since they are to supply two-thirds of the capital (20 per cent grant, 46 per cent loan).

Post article nets big order for furrier

HAIFA — A report in The Jerusalem Post, published on November 2, has netted a big export order for Kuehnreich Brothers furriers. The report described a new method developed by the firm for sewing coat skins together with "invisible" seams.

Shlomo Kuehnreich, returning from a business trip to Europe yesterday, told The Post that in Geneva a Jewish furrier he met referred to the Post report and asked to see one of the "bodies" (lengths of made-up fur ready for cutting into coats), to examine the seams. Mr. Kuehnreich showed him the "body," and the furrier on the spot bought all the eight he had taken with him as samples — for \$10,000. The Italian furrier also placed an open order for "as many as you can supply."

Mr. Kuehnreich added that wherever he met Jewish furriers in Europe during the trip, "they had all read The Post" and he needed no further introduction.

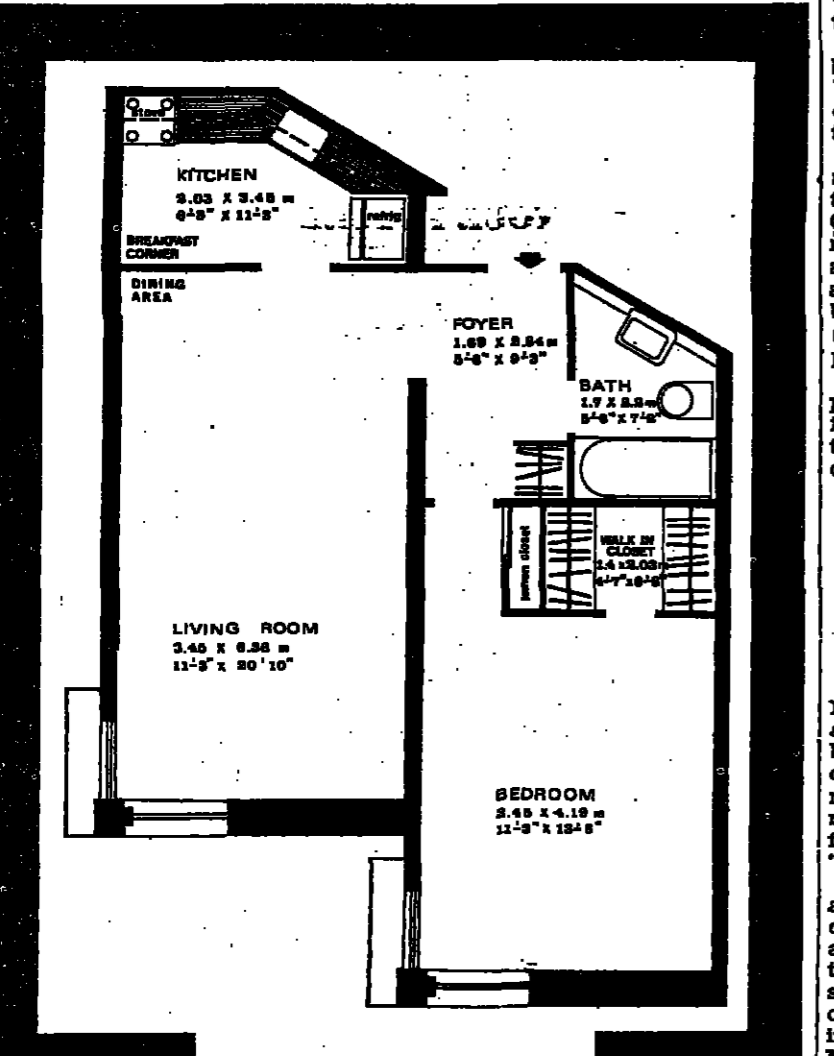
But the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has not yet reacted to his complaint, published in The Post report of November 2, on the company's financing difficulties: Kuehnreich must pay a 20 per cent import levy and is not permitted more than three months' suppliers' credit on the import of the coat skins, which are very expensive.

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Dialogue with American Jewry

THE special session in Israel this week of the Presidents' Conference of 30 major American Jewish organizations is a new departure. While these leaders of the American Jewish community have for the most part visited Israel frequently in their individual capacities, the Presidents' Conference as a collective body has never done so.

This group represents the overwhelming majority of America's six million Jews. It does so in a manner which preserves the constituent organizations. Inevitably this involves a looseness of structure and modulated thrust, but this is the price paid for bringing together the wide spectrum of views and interests — secular and religious — that comprise the American Jewish community.

Yet on issues which touch the core of Jewish welfare and survival it is the President's Conference since its establishment in 1955, which has been able to muster American Jewry into a single voice. It has, for example, consistently played a key role in expressing to the U.S. Government the sentiments and interests of American Jewry regarding issues which directly affect Israel.

This has involved a continuous and close partnership with Israel, but it also raises questions about the nature of that partnership, which gained expression in yesterday's meetings of the Conference. For while American

Jewish leaders are prepared to see that Israel must be permitted to define its own needs and interests, they also, as Jews and as Jewish leaders, demand to be heard.

This of course is a justified demand; the decisions taken in Israel also affect Jews the world over. While meeting this demand would undoubtedly broaden the scope of debate, which in Jewish life is never modest in any case, the burden of doing so rests on American Jewry itself. For it is precisely the division in American Jewish organizational life and the common readiness to limit direct involvement with Israel to philanthropy and tourism which has prevented a more intense dialogue.

Thus while there may be some justice in the criticism voiced in the Conference session yesterday that Israeli leaders are not willing to listen to strictures coming from the Diaspora, the answer is that American Jewry should shout louder. For it is intensity of concern that is the mark of identification. And it is in such intensification of concern that the future of both Jewish unity and peace lies. Certainly if the President's Conference session in Israel fosters greater understanding not only of Israel's problems but of the forces in American Jewish life which have prevented such strengthening of concern it will have amply served our common interest.

Syria: from caution to brinkmanship

THE repercussions of the clashes along the Syrian-Israel border may well determine the immediate future of the political efforts to find a peaceful Israel-Arab settlement. Indeed, developments depend largely on whether Damascus chooses to maintain the ceasefire or abandon it.

Syria's Ba'ath Party regime headed by President Hafes Assad, this month marked the second anniversary of the bloodless coup in which it seized power from the extreme leftist wing of the same party. Until the recent series of flare-ups the regime had demonstrated a deal of caution and reasonableness towards the conflict with Israel, despite its declared tough line of policy. For some time, Assad's government of relatively young, "technocrats" concentrated on consolidating Syria's national, social and economic fronts, shattered as a result of the numerous coups and counter coups which plagued that country for the previous two decades. This corresponded with surprising promotion of diplomatic contacts with West European countries and a mild tone in discussing the Middle East conflict, all the more striking after Syria's previous insistence on a "popular armed struggle" to wipe out the existence of the State of Israel.

Late last summer, however, there was a sudden change, mainly as a result of two major outside factors. One of these was Damascus' involvement in a federation with Egypt and Libya, both of whom wanted to strengthen the loose union in time for its first anniversary. They sought to do this by reviving the Israel-Arab conflict through the reactivation of the Palestinian terrorist movement. The terrorists themselves took refuge in Syria after Israel's massive crackdown in southern Lebanon (where the terrorists concentrated after being expelled from Jordan.)

Links with Moscow

The second factor was Syria's coordination with the Soviet Union. This increased late last summer as Moscow hurried to consolidate its presence in both Syria and Iraq, in search of a substitute to Egypt, which expelled the Russians from its territory last July.

Both factors eventually had grave consequences for Syria's Middle East outlook. The terrorists involved that country in border confrontations with Israel, and the Soviets provided her and the terrorists with armaments and political backing against Israel.



Syria's Hafes Assad, right, with his Federation partners Sadat (centre) and Gaddafi. (AP radiophoto)

There are some 6,000 active terrorists in Syria today. The bulk are stationed in the south and the south-east. Syria also plays host to about half of the 6,000-strong, but ineffectual Palestine Liberation Army (P.L.A.) Syria has in fact developed into the main terrorist base. Libya sends contingents there, from among the 8,000 saboteurs whom the regime of Colonel Mu'ammer Gaddafi has been

training for a "liberation war" against Israel. These terrorists included field saboteurs who were sent to operate on the "front" in the ranks of the Fatah and others who were dispatched to carry out anti-Israel attacks abroad within the framework of the Fatah-affiliated "Black September" organization.

Syria has also been bolstering its 110,000-strong army through a stepped-up flow of Soviet equipment. The main aim seems to be raising the Syrian ability, both on the ground and in the air, to counter Israel's operations against increased terrorist activity from Syria. In this context, the Soviets were recently reported to be flying into Syria considerable quantities of SAM 2 and 3 anti-aircraft missiles. Damascus is known to have had eight batteries of missiles before the Odesa-Damascus airlifts, which the Russians carried out last September and last week.

Flow of arms

The Soviets were at the same time reported to be exchanging Syria's 50 MIG 17 jet fighters for MIG 21s to improve the combat capability of the 10,000-man Air Force, which possesses about 300 warplanes, already including some 100 MIG 21s. The Soviets have also introduced sophisticated armaments into Syria's armoured forces, which has over a thousand tanks, including T54s, T56s and SU100s, and the artillery corps which includes field guns of 122mm, 152mm and 152mm, and anti-aircraft guns of 37mm, 57mm 85mm and 100mm. There have also been supplies of unspecified equipment for the relatively small, 2,000-man, navy. Syria is reported to have allocated some \$250m. for its build-up.

Apart from the flow of Soviet arms, there have been reports indicating that Egypt has placed some of its MIG 21 combat planes stationed in Syria at the disposal of the Damascus military command.

Egypt is under the pressure internal political ferment and the transfer of planes can be seen as its attempt to show that it is contributing to the fight against Israel without subjecting itself to the risk of an immediate confrontation, which Cairo can hardly afford in her present shaky state.

Apparently without calculating the consequences of escalating tension, Egypt wants to keep the confrontation with Israel live on other Arab fronts, with an eye to the U.N. debate on the Middle East, next week.

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CALL FOR DEATH FOR TERRORISTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to your editorial of October 21, "Death demands" in which you quote the philosophy of Great Britain's law makers as well as the recent decision of the U.S. Supreme Court on the subject of the death penalty and compare it with the view of the Israeli security authorities.

May I say that a comparison between the situation in the two western countries and that in Israel cannot be meaningful if only for the reason that the two Western democracies are countries at peace or at least countries involved in military action outside of their own territory, while Israel is at war notwithstanding the uneasy cease-fire.

The terrorists are working according to carefully laid plans of warfare which follow this general pattern:

1. Hit and run attacks at places where large numbers of civilians are gathered, such as markets, department stores, buses including school buses.
2. Planting of time bombs in public places like railway stations, bus terminals, etc.
3. Hijacking of airplanes with subsequent demands of release of prisoners illegally sentenced to prison terms because of their proven participation in terrorist activities.

The only tenable answer to acts of war of this kind must be to introduce martial law under which any person accused of terrorist activity has to come before a military tribunal within 24 hours after being apprehended. If the tribunal finds the accused guilty, the death penalty should be mandatory whenever the action of the defendant or one of his unapprehended accomplices has caused the death of any of the victims. The death sentence should be executed at once. The alternative to the death penalty must be a verdict of acquittal.

Persons concerned with the possibility that a defendant could be the victim of an error of judgment, and that the execution of an atrocious death sentence is not reversible, may bear in mind that the death of the innocent victim is not reversible either, and that quite often hits the innocent and the guilty alike.

They also may keep in mind that a great many innocents would be saved just by depriving the terrorists of objects to barter for. If there had not been jailed guerrillas in Israel the eleven murdered Olympic athletes might still be alive and so might be the young woman passenger who died on the hijacked Belgian airliner in May of this year.

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Philadelphia, November 1.

PEN FRIENDS
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I.D.F. lesson for Syria

Davar (Histadrut) assumes the Syrians—whether they like it or not—will be forced to observe the cease-fire. The paper remarks that if they do not do so, they will have to learn the hard way that the Israel Defence Forces are bound to secure the well-being of the Golan Heights settlements. The paper also calls for the immediate mobilization of equipment, artisans and funds to fortify these settlements.

Haharav (non-party), doubting whether Syria will draw the logical conclusions from the I.D.F.'s latest action, writes: "The Syrian regime has presumably taken into account the price it might have to pay for dispatching the terrorists. The Syrians have fresh reasons for action, namely: the Egyptian leadership's waning influence in the Arab world, the relative quiet on Israel's other borders, and Syria's isolation in the Arab world, because of its lack of initiative against Israel.

Hanodim (Agudat Yisrael) writes: "The resolution of the Labour Party's Central Committee on issues of State and religion is an ultimatum to the Chief Rabbis, who will be required to solve the problems of those barred from marriage under the halacha. This is a threat whose outcome could be destructive. It is also callous intervention by the police establishment in the religious judicial system and will not be tolerated."

Hatzotz (National Religious), referring to the criticism uttered at the convention of the Presidents' Conference in Jerusalem regarding "the cool attitude displayed by Israel's towards immigrants," declares: "Israelis must display more warmth and goodwill — not only for the sake of the immigrants, but for their own sake as well."

Al Hamaikhar (Mapam), discussing the appointment of Knesset member Shlomo Rosen as Deputy Minister of Absorption, suggests that the requirements of the increasing immigration from the Soviet Union justify the appointment. The paper further believes that the opposition factions in the Knesset would also admit this, "were they not so keen to criticize the Government."

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) calls for reduction of the "negative influence" U.N. bodies might be exerting against the background of the recent U.N. condemnation by calling upon Israel to refrain from constructive activity in the Gaza Strip and demanding the return of Arab refugees to their subject camps. Referring to such decisions as "stupefying routine," the paper welcomes Mr. Eban's decision to stay away from the U.N. General Assembly.

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'MANIPULATING RELIGION'

"THE Land of Israel trembled for a distance of 400 paras for 400 paras."

This Talmudic description of shocked reaction is most appropriate to the current feeling in Israeli religious circles regarding the lightning exhibitionist operation of Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren in legitimizing Hanoch and Miriam Langer the brother and sister who have been prevented from marrying by the ruling handed down by a district rabbinical court, and upheld by the Supreme Religious Court, that they were *mamsarin*.

It is not the intention of this article to touch on the *halachic* aspects of the case, since I am not the authority to pass judgment on the steps taken by Rabbi Goren towards the legitimization and marriages of the Langers. But I cannot refrain from commenting on the bad taste which characterized the entire operation.

Rabbi Goren committed a grave error in bringing Defence Minister Moshe Dayan to the Langer wedding, implicitly indicating that the same talents for strategy, surprise and secret swiftness which Mr. Dayan has used for military coups were used for the new Chief Rabbi in pulling off this rabbinical coup. Such methods gain glory when used for military triumphs; in rabbinical matters they can earn only infamy.

Cheap act

Even the secularists who cheered Rabbi Goren's action saw the cheap exhibitionism of the operation. First came his attempt to force Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef into cooperation. This was followed by a statement that he would not agree to an installation ceremony until the *mamsarin* problem was solved as he had promised. While building up to his move he held meetings with young Mapam members and handed out secret promises to the Independent Liberals that the problems of marriages forbidden by *halacha* would be solved. Climaxing all this was a lightning, undercover move together with judges whose identities he refused to disclose, a move which ignored the rulings of the District and Supreme Rabbinical courts, a move for which he quickly pre-



**PERSONAL
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pared sensational coverage by the press, radio and television.

A religious problem now faces religious Jewry in Israel. Something historically grave has transpired and we are forced to consider steps which will provide not merely temporary solutions but a long-range plan of action. Interviewers from the local press and radio ask me, as a Jerusalemite well acquainted with the old disputes between Rabbi Yossef Chaim Sonnenfeld and Rabbi Kook, whether the present dispute between Rabbi Goren and his critics is not a renewal of that controversy. I try to explain to them that there is a world of difference between the two situations.

Not ideological

The dispute between Rav Sonnenfeld and Rav Kook was an ideological debate over how the religious community should relate to secular Zionism. This classic dispute between the Aguda and Mizrahi philosophies was conducted by two leaders who personified the differing viewpoints. The present controversy is not an ideological dispute but

ed. The undercover operation which ignored both the Supreme Rabbinical Court and the Sephardi Chief Rabbi proved that Rabbi Goren has his own set of rabbinical values. He cares not for the opinions of revered Torah sages but rather seeks favour in the eyes of Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan. The Israeli public looks upon Rabbi Goren as a man capable of manipulating *halacha* to ensure the stability of a Government coalition.

All this poses the question of what is to be done. At the foundation of the State even the secular leaders understood the need for rabbinical control of marriage and divorce as a means of assuring a united nation. This led to the historic letter from Jewish Agency leaders to Agudat Yisrael guaranteeing this point. But if we introduce such practices as ignoring Torah authorities in favour of pleasing the secularists it will lead to a separation of religion and state, for neither can adapt religion to the ideas of the Independent Liberals and Mapam it is better to effect such a separation. Such a step will have serious and far-reaching ramifications, including the maintenance of genealogical records and a nation divided in two.

(The writer is an Agudat Yisrael Party Knesset Member and Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem.)

Catering to liberals

There was always an inherent danger in the powers which election procedures gave to secularists for determining the choice of a chief rabbi. But this truly still served as the central authority on marriage and divorce for all of Israel. On the Supreme Rabbinical Court sit such scholars of stature as Rabbi Yossef Shalom Elyashev and Rabbi Bezalel Zolty.

But along has come Rabbi Goren with an attempt to adapt the *halacha* to the secular wishes of the Independent Liberals. He has made promises to them — and he has fulfilled them. Rabbi Goren insists on catering to them and their Mapam partners in irreligious philosophy.

If there was once hope that the election of Rabbi Ovadia Yosef as Chief Sephardi Rabbi against the wishes of the Goren backers would serve as a check against the influence of Rabbi Goren, this hope has now vanish-

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